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An 'end of an era' at Ynysawdre.  
(SEE REPORT ON PAGE 12).

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*'I cannot think of anything worse than having your home invaded by a violent man' (judge)*

## Man broke into 'wrong house' and beat up an innocent victim

THE home of a "decent couple" was violated when a man burst in and carried out a vicious, sustained attack on one of them.

But Cardiff Crown Court heard that Daniel Shore (28) had gone to the wrong house and had attacked the wrong man.

Shore of Park Street, Kenfig Hill, was jailed for two years after he admitted causing Carl Thomas actual bodily harm and causing criminal damage.

Judge Christopher Lewellyn-Jones said the

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family had been in the privacy of their own home when he smashed his way in.

"You decided to take the law into your own hands and beat up an entirely innocent person."

"I can't think of anything worse than having your home invaded by a violent man in this way. It was a terrifying invasion of someone's home."

Prosecutor Nuhu Gobir said that at about 5pm on December 16, Mr Thomas was at his home

in Heol Castell, Cefn Cribwr, with his fiancée.

"He heard a loud bang and the sound of breaking glass. The front door opened and Shore ran in swinging punches at him."

He said he was repeatedly struck to the face and was kicked repeatedly, as Shore called out a name of someone who lived elsewhere. But, said Mr Gobir, it was a case of mistaken identity.

Mr Thomas' fiancée came into the room and said "What the \*\*\*\* is happening?" Mr Thomas repeatedly said "I am not that person" and Shore then apologised and left with a second man who appeared on the scene.

Mr Thomas was treated at the Princess of Wales Hospital for swellings and a cut lip.

The front door was found to be smashed in and when the police went there, Mr Thomas' fiancée, Gemma Davies, was in hysterics.

She said their home had been "violated" and she feared that if she made a statement to the police there would be the possibility of revenge.

The court heard that she said: "This should not happen to decent people."

Shore was said to have a previous conviction for causing actual bodily harm.

His barrister David Webster, said: "On any view, this was an unprovoked, unjustified attack. He had gone there to recover an expensive cycle which had been stolen."

"It was not a lengthy attack... He is a young man from a loving and caring family who has lost his way."

On one occasion, said Mr Webster, he went missing and people feared he would take his life.

"What he did that night was to make a tragic mistake."



ABOVE: Bridgend Youth Theatre's latest show, *The King and I*, is on next week. (See page 5 for details). Photo by Malcolm Nugent.

## IT'S CARNIVAL TIME AGAIN IN PORTHCAWL

THIS year's Porthcawl Carnival takes place on Saturday (July 23) and will follow the usual tried and tested format.

Run by the Buccaneers, the day is one of Porthcawl's biggest fundraising events for local charities.

The procession, consisting of floats and walking carnival entries, should leave Sandy Bay at 1.30pm. and it will then make its way along the promenade and through the streets of the town.

The final destination of the procession is, as usual, the South Road rugby ground of Porthcawl RFC, where there will be the usual mix of fairground rides, stalls and special attractions.

Collections are made along the route, and many charities will be taking stalls at the rugby ground.

Organiser Kerry Marlow told THE GEM: "This year, we have eight floats confirmed and a very large number of walking groups."

"The theme is 'musicals', and the procession will be led by a comedy troupe, the 'West Wales All Stars'. They just rang and volunteered to come along and support us, which was a really nice gesture."

The main attraction at the rugby ground will be 'Above and Beyond' a trapeze act, and there will be demonstrations from Penybont Gymnastics Club.

Miss Bridgend, Stephanie Lubbock, will be one of the judges of

the floats competition.

Mr Marlow added: "I would like to pay a special thank you to the Porthcawl Ukelele Band, who played at the bandstand on John Street last Saturday to publicise the carnival."

## REGENERATION IS A BIG THING - IN BARRY!

IT is not just in Porthcawl that the issue of how to regenerate a seaside town is a hot potato.

Similar plans are under discussion in Barry, where a massive regeneration project, based around the town's dock area, has recently been given the green light by Vale Council planners.

To see what is on the cards for another seaside town, turn to page 18.

## Former Cowbridge Student is as good as Gold



BARNABY Milbourn, who the Wall Street Journal last week called "some smart businessman" left Cowbridge in 1994 to study geology and has since become a UK authority on the role of Gold & Silver in today's economy.

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Barnaby says "Some businesses are as good as Gold, this one IS Gold, it brings the benefit of Gold ownership within the reach of small investors and savers". Through his companies Zen Gold & Zen Gold Partners investors can develop their own business and create a residual income whilst saving Gold & Silver. Zen Gold have also recently launched the UK's first Gold vending machine at Westfield Shopping Centre in London.

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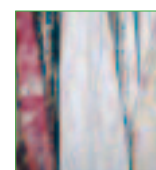
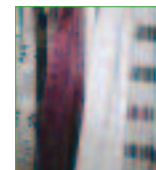
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## Railway stations help to make parking easier



Coun Mel Nott at the park and ride.

### EXTENDED park and ride facilities are now in operation at Pencoed and Sarn railway stations.

As well as the new 56-space park and ride facility recently opened at Pencoed Railway Station, the car park at Sarn has also been extended to create 33 dedicated spaces for drivers who want to use local rail links.

The facilities have been developed by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) with the support of South East Wales Regional Consortia (Sewta). European and Welsh Government funding has helped to pay for the project.

They aim to stop ad hoc parking near the stations and encourage the use of rail links.

Coun Mel Nott, Leader of BCBC, said: "The new Sarn Park and Ride demonstrates the council's ongoing commitment to public and sustainable transport and follows the similar initiative recently introduced at Pencoed as part of the ongoing regeneration of the area."

"As a former railway man myself, I feel especially proud that the promotion of public transport features so prominently in our policy and long-term thinking and planning. I'm grateful for Sewta's support and our European and Welsh Government funding, which help make projects such as this possible."

Drivers will be able to access both park and rides between 7am and 6pm. And although the inward gates close at 6pm, traffic flow plates still allow drivers to exit the car park after that time.

It means later train passengers can still drive from the car park after 6pm, but the measures will prevent unsociable behaviour in the car parks after that time.

Both park and rides have been developed by BCBC and are supported by Sewta with Welsh Government and European funding.

## Lifeguard club reveal beach plans

**PENYBONT Surf Life Saving Club has unveiled ambitious plans to develop community facilities at Ogmores-by-Sea.**

The club feels that the plan could 'kill two birds with one stone' because it has long been an issue in the village that there is no community hall.

Nev White, the treasurer of the club, told The GEM that if the plans came to fruition, a much-needed lifeguard club building could include a meeting room where local groups, and voluntary organisations could meet.

The club is also aiming to improve access to the beach by building a new slipway to the beach, and plans are very well advanced on this part of the project.

Mr White said that the majority of the funding for the slipway had already been secured, and the club is submitting an application to the Big Lottery fund for the cash to build a new Lifeguard Centre.

Nev White said: "The

innovative building will sit discreetly at the beach and provide a comfortable and sustainable environment for people to enjoy all year round.

"We want the building to contribute to the Heritage Coast in a positive way, both aesthetically and functionally. Our aim is to see the centre benefit club members and local residents alike."

The club has started a consultation period, talking to local residents and also the Vale Council. Last Saturday (July 16) they opened the doors of the existing clubhouse to show the draft plans of the building.

Geoff Gaen of the local council said: "I was pleased to see so many people from the village attend and have a look at what the lifeguard club is planning."

"It clearly shows there is a need for this project and the community is very supportive."

If successful with the Lottery grant, the lifeguard club hopes to start work on the new building next year.

## Bridgend Male Choir conquers the Scottish Highlands with music!

**BRIDGEND Male Voice Choir has recently returned from a tour to the Scottish Highlands.**

A concert at Comrie (Perthshire) brought fulsome praise from church minister Hamish Fleming, who said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I deem it an honour to present, on your behalf, a hearty vote of thanks to the Bridgend Male Choir for what has proved to be an outstanding musical bonanza this evening."

"This is a particular honour, since they are shortly to fulfil a Royal engagement. How shortly depends on how long this vote of thanks takes. (The Royal is a nearby hostelry!)"

"The rich, sonorous harmonies which male Welsh voices engender, has always thrilled their audiences. Gentlemen, the programme you have offered us this evening has been, as expected, a broad sweep of the best in classical and popular music."

"Under the wonderful direction of John Jenkins, you have brought us close to tears, drawn us into rapture, and given us a fantastic, incalculable - £5 worth."

"To open your programme, you astonished us with thrilling Welsh songs reverberating through this acoustically improved sanctuary - *Rachie, Pie Jesu* and *Llef* awakening our anticipation of a splendid evening to come. The first half was riveting and exciting. The interval audience chat had as its main theme - 'never heard such superb singing before'."

"In the second half, the 'In Lighter Mood' selec-

tion brought out the true skills of the choir showing your depth of feeling for the songs you sing. 'Rhythm of Life' is a real test of how a choir can hold a difficult song together. Full marks for a flawless performance of a good old tongue twister."

"The choir must be proud of its soloists - Paul, Gethin and Gwyn on the night - all of whom gave superlative renditions."

"Scott Williams made our church organ sound 10 times better than it is with Karg Elert's *Marche Triomphale*."

"All choirs rely on an authoritative and empathetic accompaniment and this we enjoyed from Laura Smith's outstanding sensitivity and versatility on the piano. Local budding musician Kenny Cormack, as guest soloist, brought to us the haunting beauty of the classical guitar in a couple of Spanish pieces."

"The evening was charmingly compered by choir member, Gareth Davies - thanks for making us feel so much a part of the evening - especially the privilege of joining in singing along with the choir at the end of the programme."

"To John Jenkins our sincerest thanks for bringing out the very best from the choir and for your marvellous arrangements and programme planning. It has been a singular, yes unique, treat for us your audience. We go home truly uplifted."

## Local MP backs cancer charity

**BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon is backing Cancer Research UK's bid to make Wales and the UK a thriving environment for medical research.**

She met the charity's doctors, scientists and supporters - including Welsh researchers Professor Malcolm Mason and Senior Research Nurse Barbara Moore from the Cardiff Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre - at a special reception in Westminster recently.

"I was keen to find out more about the cutting edge research carried out in Wales, Mrs Moon heard that Cancer Research UK receives no Government funding and relies on the generosity of supporters to fund its life-saving work."

"Around two people are diagnosed with cancer every hour in Wales but the good news is that thousands of mums, dads, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters across the region are



Madeleine Moon.

alive today thanks to research into cancer" said Mrs Moon.

"I was keen to find out more about work funded by Cancer Research UK at the Cardiff Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre and throughout the UK."

"I feel proud that research in Wales makes such a significant contribution to the fight against cancer. It's heartening to know that by supporting Cancer Research UK's work local people could be making a big difference to cancer patients here on their doorstep."

## Songs and Shakespeare in the park



ABOVE: Juggler Jason Maverick.

**BRYNGARW Country Park in Brynmenyn, Bridgend will be hosting a three-day event bringing Shakespeare, songs and silliness together in a programme of "live theatre, music and crazy antics" later this month.**

On July 26, from 7pm, Rain or Shine Theatre Company to Bryngarw, will be performing *Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare.

On July 27, from 7pm, Bryngarw welcomes one of Wales' most acclaimed songwriters Christopher Rees, who will perform in a stripped down format with guitar and piano.

Exeter-based five-piece band Count to Fire create an evocative and



Christopher Rees.

original sound that has been described as 'English country'. Jason Maverick goes Bananas on July 28, with two showings at 11am and 3pm. The multi-skilled entertainer from London, performs street theatre and family shows as well as being a mime artist and contact juggling specialist.

### HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL JULY 28)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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22 Fri	00.07	8.7	12.27	8.3
23 Sat	00.48	8.2	13.06	7.9
24 Sun	01.33	7.9	14.01	7.6
25 Mon	02.33	7.5	15.11	7.4
26 Tues	03.53	7.3	16.36	7.6
27 Wed	05.14	7.7	17.47	8.1
28 Thur	06.16	8.5	18.38	8.7

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.



## MAN FLED SCENE WITHOUT A PENNY...

# 'Incompetent' robber is jailed for 20 months

A MAN who tried to rob a vulnerable taxi driver, fled from the scene without a penny, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Leon Lear (29) could not have made matters easier for the police, after leaving behind on the back seat his wallet containing his details.

Lear of Heol-yr-Ysgol, Tondur, pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted robbery and was jailed for 20 months.

Prosecutor John Probert said that the taxi driver Clifford Searle aged 62, picked up the defendant on April 15 to take him to the Bryntirion area.

Lear had a hood over his head and had clearly been drinking. There was a conversation about the destination and in an isolated area near Roger's Lane, Lear claimed he had just been released from Swansea prison.

He directed the driver to stop in the area of a farm gate and said: "Give me the money or I'll break you in half."

The driver refused

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and said: "Why are you doing this to me?" and succeeded in radioing a colleague.

At one point, the defendant pulled the handbrake and interfered with the steering wheel.

He said: "Stop the car, you know what I've got here."

At that point he said: "I was only playing," and got out and made off, leaving his wallet in the car.

"Mr Searle was not able to finish his shift because he was so shaken. He genuinely feared for his safety, and he is now considering whether to carry on with the job."

When arrested, Lear had no cash on him and there was none in the wallet, so he would not have been able to pay for the fare.

He told the police he had been very drunk and had also taken Valium.

He was said to have convictions for 30 offences including theft, criminal damage, wounding and possess-

ing class A drugs.

His counsel Meirion Davies said he had never been to Swansea Prison until he was remanded after being arrested.

"He has made no attempt to prevaricate as far as his guilty plea is concerned."

"Most of his offending has been petty and this incident is out of character. There was no injury and no theft."

"I have to concede there was a very high level of incompetence and he is at a loss to explain why he did it. He made things very easy for the police and it shows just how inept he was."

Judge Philip Richards said: "This was a vulnerable taxi driver carrying out a public service."

The judge added: "I regard this as a serious offence. There are many aggravating features, including the nature of the violence when you threatened the hapless Mr Searle."

"It took place in an isolated area late at night."

"He says you frightened the life out of him and you suggested you were armed."

## New mental health unit opens in Princess of Wales Hospital

A NEW £15m purpose-built mental health unit for young people at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, is now open and providing specialised care and support in a safe, modern environment.

At the end of 2008, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) moved from their base at Whitchurch Hospital, Cardiff, to a temporary unit at Glanrhyd Hospital, Bridgend.

A spokeswoman said:

"Although not perfect, the temporary unit, a refurbished forensic unit, was a considerable improvement."

"Now, the young patients of CAMHS have moved into their very own unit, Ty Lliadiard, at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend."

Ty Lliadiard is now new home to 19 young men and women aged 12-18 years, suffering from a variety of mental health problems. Although the construction project has been managed by ABM Health Board, the unit itself is run by Cwm Taf Health Board for patients from across south Wales.

## New face joins the team at Porthcawl YMCA



Janis Werrett at the YMCA in Porthcawl.  
(Photograph by Keith E Morgan)

AS Porthcawl YMCA embarks on its ambitious refurbishment scheme, Janis Werrett has taken on the role of clerical officer.

Coming from an experienced background in the voluntary sector, Janis said: "I am delighted to be joining the team at Porthcawl YMCA, especially at this exciting time with the plans in progress for a renewed Community Hub."

Janis has a BSc (Hons) degree in psychology and criminology. She is an accomplished public speaker

and says that she has achieved her ambition of engaging with 'hard to reach' groups in order to give them a love of learning. This work was recognised in 2010, when Janis won the NIACE DYSG CYMRU voluntary tutor of the year award.

John Hornsby, chairman of the trustees, said: "We are delighted to welcome Janis into her new role, which will help greatly with our growth plans for the YMCA."

Janis is available at the YMCA (tel 01656 772 166) between 10am and 3pm daily.

## The man who burnt £1 million

ON July 12 at Pishgah Vestry, 32 members of Myndd Cynffig WI met for the July meeting.

Mrs Margery Goode welcomed us and steered us through the usual branch business. Several members had attended the WI Glamorgan Show in North Connelly the previous weekend, and mention was made of the high standard of entries in the show. All had a most enjoyable afternoon.

The guest speaker was Mr Derek Warren, who gave us a very vivid insight into his early

working years during the last war working at Battersea Power Station.

One of his many interesting memories was when he was involved with the burning of a £1,000,000 in notes in the huge furnaces at this power station. Members really enjoyed his talk.

Later, refreshments were served and members reminded that there will be no WI meetings in August although a couple of activities will take place.

The next meeting will be on September 13 at Pishgah Vestry.

Eirwen de Vries

## ALCOHOL SEIZED AS...



ABOVE: Officers are pictured with some of the alcohol seized during Operation Radar.

## 'Operation Radar' targets youth problem in Maesteg

OFFICERS from the Caerau and Maesteg Neighbourhood Policing teams are running joint operations with youth annoyance and underage drinking targeted as PACT priorities.

A police spokesman said that reports have been received from members of the public that youths are drinking and causing annoyance in public areas.

"During Operation Radar, officers concentrated on areas identified as being vulnerable and hotspot locations which were identified through PACT process. They gathered intelligence regarding locations,

times and movements of individuals believed to be involved in criminal or anti social activity and underage drinking," he reported.

"High visibility patrols were then held at these locations with stop searches and anti-social behaviour referrals submitted."

Large amounts of alcohol were confiscated from youths who were caught drinking.

Inspector Ralph Harris of Maesteg Police Station commented: "Maesteg and Caerau neighbourhood teams remain committed to targeting underage drinking and the associated youth annoyance and antisocial behaviour that it creates."

## Carol steps down, after 34 years with local town council

CAROL JAMES, the town clerk to Bridgend since 1981, and previously the playing fields secretary from 1977, has decided to retire from public duties as from this month.

Carol was born and brought up in Ebbw Vale and worked first in insurance before marrying and moving to the Cotswolds, where she worked for Lloyds Bank.

When her daughter was born, she gave up work to become a full-time mother, but when her husband Malcolm was transferred to Bridgend, the family moved to where Carol still resides. She soon had a further addition to the family when her son was born.

In 1977, Carol became playing fields secretary to the town council, followed by allotments secretary and then in 1981, she was promoted to Town Clerk.

During her time with the town council, Carol has been heavily involved in town twinning arrangements and



The Town Mayor, Coun Clare Lewis, with retiring town clerk, Carol James.

also with fundraising for Mayor's charities, raising many tens of thousands of pounds for local good causes in that time.

Carol has also been active in the local Soroptimist International group.

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## HOSPITAL PATIENT WENT 'BERSERK' – COURT TOLD

# Nurses 'intimidated' by Bridgend man's 'psychotic' episode

A HOSPITAL patient who suffered a psychotic episode, has been given a community order for 18 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

Adam Evans (30) of Glan Ffynnon, Bridgend, had gone berserk in the Princess of Wales Hospital, terrifying patients and staff, said prosecutor David Pugh.

Evans, who was at the hospital as an in-patient for treatment to a facial injury, admitted a charge of affray.

The community order involves a supervision order for 18 months, a

### REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

mental health treatment requirement for a year, and a substance abuse programme.

Judge Neil Bidder said that at the time a combination of cannabis and alcohol had affected Evans' mental health.

He said that if Evans' condition was not dealt with, he would pose a potential danger.

Mr Pugh said that on November 17 last year, Evans was a patient in the hospital and appeared to be behaving in a paranoid fashion.

He said he had "X-Ray hearing" and could hear the staff talking

about him. He became animated and nurses became intimidated.

He shouted: "You make sure you tell the rest of the staff what I said. I want you to line them up."

Nurses began to keep their distance from Evans, who insisted he was not a bad person.

Security staff tried to reason with him when he picked up a fire extinguisher and said: "I am going to kill someone with this."

"I am going to hit someone over the head with it."

At that point, he picked up a zimmer frame and broke it.

Police arrived and he told them: "You are all out to get me" and he threatened officers with a heart rate monitor machine before being subdued.

The incident, said Mr Pugh, lasted an hour.

The judge said that what occurred was a psychotic episode.

The court heard that Evans had convictions for causing actual bodily harm, possessing a bladed article, and assault and offences connected with drugs.

## Learning about Bridgend's historic houses

### NEWS FROM THE SKER WI

AT The July meeting of Sker WI in St David's Church Hall, Nottage, president Nina Charlesworth welcomed 55 members and three visitors.

The president said that members who visited and supported the GFWI Craft Show at Cornelly Hall enjoyed the array of craft exhibited by some very talented ladies.

Well done Margam WI for achieving the most points in the show. A reminder was given of the Sker WI summer fayre to be held on July 22, at Trinity Church Hall, Porthcawl (10am-12noon).

There will be stalls, including craft, cakes, jewellery, books, bric-a-brac and gift items. Admission (80p) includes coffee.

Sker's bowlers will

be taking part in the Glamorgan Federation outdoor bowling tournament at Pyle Bowling Club on September 3.

The delegate's report on the NFWI Conference at Liverpool was read. The attendance of 4,860 ladies at the Echo Arena showed that WI was thriving.

The speaker for the night was Mrs Leslie Milne from the local studies library, Bridgend. Mrs Milne gave a computer presentation and talk on 'Old Houses of Bridgend District.' This interesting and informative talk showed many of the historical houses that had been restored and made habitable in this area.

There will be no meeting in August. The speaker for the next meeting on September 8, will be Ms Hayley Williams, who will talk about 'Local Ghosts'.

## Site manager scoops a top 'quality' award

TAYLOR WIMPEY South Wales is celebrating after Nathan Ham, senior site manager at Pentref Newydd in Coity, Bridgend, scooped a prestigious NHBC (National House Building Council) 'Pride in the Job' quality award.

Beating off stiff competition from more than 13,000 entries, the award, which is one of 65 won by Taylor Wimpey site managers

around the UK, recognises Nathan's dedication to building quality homes for new home buyers.

Nathan said: "The whole team at Pentref Newydd takes great pride in what they do and work extremely hard to ensure the homes we build are completed to the highest possible standards."

"I'm delighted to have reached this stage of the competition and to be recognised by the industry in this way."

## Quiz League posers

HERE are your weekly posers:

1) Who was the first poet to be buried in Westminster Abbey's Poet's Corner?

2) In 1938, which locomotive set a world speed record for steam of 126mph?

3) In which sport has Hungary been Olympic champions in 1932, 1 9 3 6,

1952, 1956, 1964, 1976, 2000, 2004 and 2008?

4) The Heroes of Telemark was a WW2 film set in which country?

A RUDGE (for quiz league)

4. Norway.  
3. Walter Polo.  
2. The Mallard.  
1. Geoffrey Chaucer.

# PORTHCAWL HOSTS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



### PHOTOGRAPHS by MALCOLM NUGENT



A LOCAL club recently played host to photographers from across south Wales, when the results were announced of a major Welsh competition.

The event was the second held by Pyle and Porthcawl Photographic society (with sponsorship from Sony) and was a Welsh national camera club challenge competition.

This year, the event finals took place at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, and the theme for the event was 'Speed'.

The final 36 images were judged by the Welsh Photographic Federations past-presi-

dent, Jennifer Cox ABIPP, ARPS and the winning club was Tenby and District.

The best print entitled 'Horse on the Run' was entered by D. Edwards of Neath Camera Club.

A club spokesman said: "Once again, the event was a great success."

"Pyle and Porthcawl Photographic Society would like to express its thanks to sponsors Sony and Celtic Cameras of Bridgend, and also thank BCBC for the use of the venue."

All of the photographs entered will be on display at the Grand Pavilion for one week, from July 31

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# Who wants to build what and where in county borough?

Mr Ian Cranage – Unit 3, Picton Court Retail Park, Waterton, Bridgend – one set of high level letters and one fascia sign above doors.  
May Gurney Ltd – land at Maesteg Road, Tondur – change of use of former education parking area to vehicle parking for recycling centre.  
Mrs E Paget – rear of 120 Llwydarth Road, Maesteg – outline consent for detached two bedroom bungalow.

Mr A Jones – 63 Glenwood Close, Coychurch – change of previously approved front dormer from pitched to flat roof dormer (previous consent P/07/974/FUL).  
Mr P Jones – 27 Rest Bay Close, Porthcawl – demolish garage, build new garage with room above and first floor extension.  
Mr Eric Parry – 42 Blackmill Road, Bryncethin – replacement garage.  
Mr A Brown – 24 Pandyr

Road, Aberkenfig – conversion of dwelling into two dwellings including internal and external works.  
Mrs Elaine Royle – 39 St Mary's View, Coychurch – single storey side extension.  
Mr Jerome Mathias – 64 Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill – extension and relocation of staircase.  
Mr Michael Newth – B4280 Cattle grid, Heol y Cyw, Bridgend – installation of steel footbridge across Nant Cwm

Llwyd.  
Dogs Trust – Dogs Trust, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai – installation of four pole mounted lighting columns to existing outdoor paddock.  
Mr Gerald Hof – Ty Fry, Llangeinor Road, Brynmynyn, Bridgend – single storey rear extension and raised roof to former milking parlour.  
Mr C Coulter – 31 Birch Walk, Porthcawl – loft conversion.  
Mrs P Habberley – 12 Dunlin Close,

Porthcawl – divide one house into two separate units with new car parking, new front entrance and associated works.  
Mr S Tucker – 9 Llwyn Castan, Broadlands, Bridgend – rear garden room extension.  
Mr Weaver – 95 Bishopswood, Brackla, Bridgend – Edwardian-style conservatory to rear of dwelling.  
Mr Herbert – 9 Park View, Maesteg – Edwardian-hipped roof conservatory to rear of dwelling.

Cheque Centre Limited – 1 Caroline Street, Bridgend – change of use of premises from class A1 (shops) to class A2 (financial and professional services).  
Coastal Oil and Gas Ltd – Cwmcedfyrw Farm, Pontrhydyceff, Bridgend – capture of coal bed methane utilising a portable generator and connecting to overhead lines – affecting footpath 29 Garw Valley.  
Mr Robert Raikes – 7 Green Meadow, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend – first

floor side extension to provide an additional bedroom and ensuite bathroom.  
Mr IW Burgess – 60 Cemetery Road, Maesteg – two storey rear extension and alterations.  
Mr Gerald Williams – 55 Chantal Avenue, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend – single storey front extension.  
Treetops Care Home Limited – Treetops Nursing Home, Llangeinor Road, Brynmynyn, Bridgend –

construct first floor boiler room above existing laundry room.  
BCBC – Caerau to Croeserw, Caerau – change of unsurfaced verge footway into paved community route.  
Mr A Richards – 46A Pond Mawr, Maesteg – minor amendments to approval P/10/110/FUL to change to rear dormer extension.



## Youth theatre cast tackles enduring musical classic



**THIS year's summer show by the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) is the much-loved Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, *The King and I*.**

Members of the cast have been rehearsing the show for months now, under the direction of the BYT supremo Roger Burnell, and this production promises to be a real spectacle, as it tells the story of an English schoolteacher at the court of the King of Siam.

Packed with songs such as 'Shall We Dance?', 'Getting to Know You', and 'Hello Young Lovers', it tells the story of two love affairs, both stymied by the culture of the time.

Scott Dale has embraced the role of the King, shaving his head Yul Brynner-style, with Mel Stevens (Mrs Lovett in last year's production of *Sweeney Todd*) taking on the role of schoolteacher Anna.

The GEM sent a local journalism student, Siobhan Sullivan, to a cast rehearsal, and asked her to give readers an idea of what they can expect when the show takes to the stage.

**This is her report:**  
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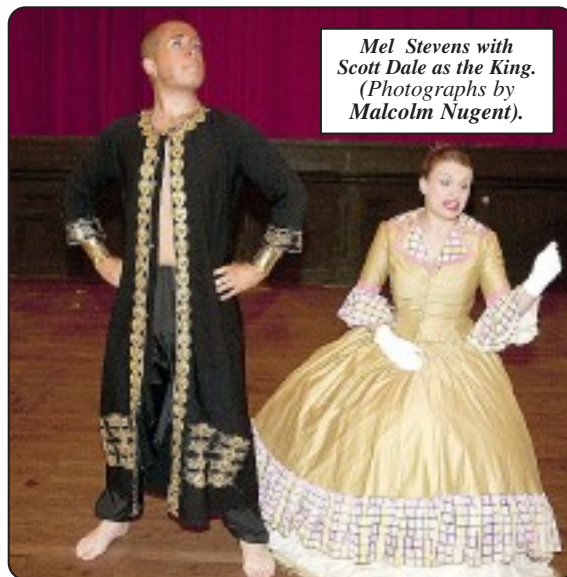
coloured costumes and gold-clad cast, prancing before the stage, accompanied by the boisterous and enthusiastic reading of lines by the lead roles and the murmur of encouragement and praise created a truly intoxicating atmosphere in the main hall of Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion.

Sitting in on the rehearsals for Bridgend's Youth Theatre's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I*, it was clear that the cast of 120 are enthusiastic and well versed in the history behind the play.

As they posed for still shots with photographers, I couldn't help but notice the beautiful and authentic costumes.

When speaking with the costume designer Kelly Ellis, I discovered that the various outfits have been sourced by the cast themselves from Islamic relief stores and those of the main roles (King Mongkut played by Scott Dale and Anna Leon Owens played by Mel Stevens) have been bought from the Royal Opera House.

The play's directors have chosen to keep the play as close to the original script as possible but with a close focus on design, so that the play's visual and comedic



Mel Stevens with Scott Dale as the King. (Photographs by Malcolm Nugent).

aspects can breathe an air of life and fun into content that could have easily been dry.

The cast also drew upon the way in which the directors Robert Burnell and Xenia Bryant's opinions play off of each other in a way that has really made the play fun.

It has drawn everyone together, and this could definitely be felt in the room through the buzz and excitement of this theatrical 'family'.

There are high hopes for the end result of the play that is currently in the process of fine tuning last details.

Mel and Dale noted that the entire cast is enjoying the challenge of performing a play that contrasts with previous shows (such as the dark and grisly *Sweeney Todd*), while also remaining confident that every performer has been cast in roles well suited to stretching each individual's capabilities.

All in all, the show is showing all the hall marks for a sell out performance that will be satisfying and enjoyable for both the audience



and cast.

Tickets are currently on sale in the pavilion box office, but hurry because they won't hang around for long with the play boasting such talent and promise "etcetera, etcetera, etcetera!"

The show runs for three nights, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 7.30pm (July 27-29) with a matinee on the Friday (2pm).



## Dogs Trust's grass SOS

**THE Bridgend Dogs Trust in Pen-y-Fai has put out an SOS because their animal welfare helpers are overwhelmed by grass-cutting duties.**

Rhia Stankovitch of the rehoming centre told The GEM: "We are desperately seeking volunteers who would be prepared to give up some of their time to help us with our mammoth task of keeping our grass, hedge and verges under control."

"The grass seems to grow at such a pace that we do not have enough hands to help. We are a busy rehoming centre and the dogs that are with us run and are exercised in the big field, so we need the grass kept at a reasonable level!"

Anyone who can help should telephone 01656 725219, or call in to the centre.

## Residents set up action group to oppose Llynfi power station

**AN action group has been set up by residents fighting plans to build a 25-Megawatt Biomass (wood burning) power station in the Llynfi Valley.**

Residents of Coytrahen, Tondy, Betws and Shwt attended a public meeting called by Llangynwyd Lower Community Council.

A planning application has been lodged by Morgan Credit Energy Wales, which owns the site of the old Llynfi Power Station, to develop the new plant there.

They intend to bring in the wood by rail and a letter was circulated at the meeting from Network Rail confirming that a feasibility study into using the main Bridgend to Maesteg railway line, which passes the power station, will be carried out.

The wood is being imported from Latvia and would be loaded onto trains at Newport Docks.

There were extensive railway sidings at the old coal-fired power station, which closed in 1977, but a new link to the main line may now be required.

If the rail option proves viable, work would be carried out from June 2013 to January 2014 with rail traffic then commencing.

It is anticipated that one train per weekday would bring in the wood and these would run at night after the last passenger train has completed the journey down the single-track line from Maesteg.

It is understood that the rail link would be completed before the new power station opened, but if the rail link is not available for the building stage of the power station, there would be an extra 52 lorries a day travelling to and from the site along the main Bridgend to Maesteg road.

The application is currently with Bridgend planners and is likely to be discussed at either the September or October meeting of the development control committee.

Planning permission was granted in 2009 for a smaller biomass plant producing 10 megawatts of electricity. Residents at the meeting expressed concerns about a number of aspects, including pollution or smoke from the station which could affect villagers in Shwt, which is the nearest settlement, but also Betws and Coytrahen.

There were also fears

about increased traffic along the main road through Tondy and Coytrahen as well as the noise of trains at night delivering wood to the station.

The railway line passes from Bridgend through Wildmill, Sarn, Tondy and Coytrahen.

One resident said that biomass was discredited around the world and there were reports that biomass stations cause more pollution than the old coal fired stations that are being phased out.

Nobody from Morgan Credit or their environmental consultants were present at the meeting so a lot of questions from the floor remained unanswered.

Coun Mel Winter said that he could not answer any queries about the application and said that he was only there to listen to people's views before making up his mind about whether or not to oppose the application when it comes before councillors.

Coun Judith Morgan raised the issue of water supply and said that a new water main would have to be laid through the valley if the scheme went ahead as there is no water on the site.

She stated that the operators have been refused permission to abstract water from the river Llynfi, because it would be too warm when it was pumped back in and would upset the ecology of the river.

The meeting decided to set up an action group which will go into the application in detail and will convene another public meeting to be attended by the applicants so that details of how the station will operate can be explained.

The action group will then draw up submissions to go to BCBC planners.

Speaking after the

meeting, Regional AM Suzy Davies said that she shared residents' concerns about possible pollution and noise issues.

She said: "People must have the answers they need to these questions which are of utmost importance to those living in close proximity to this proposed station."

"The people of the south Wales valleys have put up with years of pollution from the mines, coal fired power stations and coking plants."

"The decline of these industries has resulted in cleaner air and reduced pollution generally in the environment."

"We cannot go backwards and there have to be a lot of safeguards in place about how this station will operate before I would be willing to support it."

Fellow regional AM Byron Davies, Shadow Minister for Transport at the Assembly, said that he supported attempts to take freight off the roads and onto the railways.

"In principle, I welcome moves to use the much more sustainable railway network to move freight around and the proposal to put the wood needed for this power station on to the rail is a good thing."

"However, we do not want to be in a position where it is discovered after consent is granted that using rail is not viable and that the wood should come in by road."

"The main road through Coytrahen already carries the large lorries travelling to and from the paper mills plus traffic heading to the remaining industrial units in Maesteg."

"If consent is granted, it should be conditional upon the rail link being used and also subject to environmental safeguards. Otherwise, the application should be refused," he argued.

## Shops pass under-age drink sales test

**SHOPS in the Caerau area of Maesteg have passed an under-age alcohol sales test with flying colours.**

On July 8, officers from Caerau Neighbourhood Policing team linked with partner agencies to run a test purchasing operation throughout the Caerau ward, a spokesman reports.

The operation followed feedback from recent PACT meetings that under-age drinking was a concern among

residents in the Llynfi Valley.

The operation was a big success as the seven shops targeted all refused the sale of alcohol to youths.

It is hoped the operation will send a message out to the businesses that sales of alcohol to under 18s will not be tolerated but also reassures residents that this issue is being tackled by the police and partner agencies.

Contact South Wales Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



# Expansion of special forces promised as defence college is killed off

**VALE MP** Alun Cairns has welcomed news of an expansion of military operations at St Athan – although details are shrouded in secrecy.

The news came out as part of a review of defence spending conducted by Defence Secretary Liam Fox MP, and Mr Cairns was understandably keen to look on the bright side, because Mr Fox's announcement effectively killed off any chance of the Defence Technical College ever arriving – even in a reduced form.

Mr Fox indicated that RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire was now the preferred location for technical training.

Exact details of what is planned for St Athan are vague, because of security issues, but it is understood that around 1,000 posts are involved.

Again, figures on how many would 'transfer in' and how many would be created at St Athan are not available.

It is thought that an existing Special Forces Support Group at the base will be expanded, and perhaps similar units may be posted to St

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

Athan in the future.

Mr Cairns described the expansion as an exciting development that "changes the direction of the base".

He said that in a private meeting, Liam Fox had explained the details around the proposals, which relate to the Special Forces Support Group based at the site.

The Defence Secretary told Mr Cairns that the nature of the activities meant that only limited information could be shared publicly, although the outcome was "very positive for the community".

Alun Cairns said: "There will be a significant expansion on the site and it will become a centre of excellence for Special Forces Support."

Mr Cairns continued: "It is unfortunate that the nature of Special Forces means that only limited information is made public."

"As a result, I am delighted that the Secretary of State has agreed to come to speak to community leaders to explain in more detail the expansion of opera-

tions at the site."

Mr Cairns added, "St Athan will be seen in the same light as Hereford is to the SAS."

It is reported that the Special Forces Support Group is a special operations unit of the British Armed Forces and is the newest addition to the UK's Special Forces.

It works with the SAS and the SBS and could provide diversionary tactics or protective cordons on operations.

Mr Cairns continued: "It is clear that the original plans for a single training college were simply unaffordable and the reduction in the armed forces could always question its long term viability."

"There is an important, positive budgetary implication for St Athan, in that even within this financial climate the budget for Special Forces has been protected and even enhanced in some areas."

"This is great news and I am aware of significant investment that has already taken place on the site."

"Naturally, if anyone locally has any questions about this, I hope they will get in touch."



**LEFT:** The Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Barbara Stubbs, with Patricia O'Neill, the organiser of the international opera conducting course and visiting international conductors.

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

## Porthcawl group hosts master class for aspiring conductors

**THE 'Can You Sing' music organisation, which is run by Patricia O'Neill, Erica Beynon and Dennis Wheatley, launched its latest project – an international opera conducting course last Friday evening at The Grand Pavilion.**

To the accompaniment of Welsh singing, 10 international conductors from around the world were welcomed by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Barbara Stubbs and by Coun David Newton-Williams.

The Aelwyd Yr Urdd Porthcawl provided a feast of Welsh singing to welcome and entertain the honoured guests.

They were introduced by choir organiser Rhiannon Dixon, under the baton of musical director Carys Evans, and accompanied by Cathrin Jenkin.

The children gave an excellent rendition of three songs that had won them second and third place awards in this year's Urdd Eisteddfod at Swansea.

The children were followed by Col Canto, a group of music enthusiasts formed by Erica Beynon.

Accompanied on the piano by Sian Davies, a selection of songs were sung by David Maybury, Wendy Kupinski and Rhiannon Skilton, all protégées of Patricia O'Neill.

The international opera conducting course



Aelwyd Yr Urdd Porthcawl.

will be led by award-winning Swiss conductor Emmanuel Siffert, in Arlington Road Presbyterian Church, finishing on July 23.

The 10 visiting international conductors are working with Emmanuel, and with Welsh singers, towards a gala opera evening to be held at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, on Saturday, July 23, where the artists will be accompanied by the Welsh Concert Orchestra.

Tickets are £6 each and are available at the door.

The 10 visiting international conductors are: Anthony Gabriele, an Italian-Australian from Spain; Babak Lene from Poland; Ben Gaughran from England; Canice Gleeson from Ireland; Julian Dionne from Milan, Italy; Paul Jenkins from the North of England; Peter Warren from London; Predrag Gossa from Serbia; Steffan Morris, a Welshman now studying in Vienna; and Yuri Llinov from Russia.



Col Canto, Porthcawl.

## JPs gather to mark 650th anniversary



**Left to right:** Chief Superintendent Carl Davies, John Viney, Richard Knight (chairman of the Bench), Mayor Chris Michaelides, Coun Mel Nott (Leader BCBC).

**LOCAL magistrates, councillors, police and council officers have gathered to mark the 650th anniversary of the office of the Justice of the Peace.**

The group was invited to a special event in the chamber of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to hear a presentation on the historic JP office, which dates back to 1361 and the reign of King Edward III.

BCBC Leader Coun Mel Nott, who has been a local magistrate for 22 years, said: "Although the system of administering justice has evolved over the last 650 years, the principles on which it was founded remain; we are each committed to creating a fairer, safer and more just society in which people can live and work."

"I have been a magistrate for more than 20 years now and I still regard it as a great honour to serve the commu-

nity of Bridgend in this way. Each day we share the experiences of both victims and perpetrators, and no two cases are ever the same."

"There is always a human story behind each case and I am frequently moved by the circumstances which have brought people before us."

He added: "I also see the great partnership role offered by councils such as Bridgend to that of the magistrate. Many aspects of BCBC's own preventative work, such as that we undertake with families, in our community safety partnership, in our public protection department and in our Youth Offending Service, all complement the work of the justice system."

"I'd like to thank all my fellow magistrates and our important partners in the council, in the police and in the community for the work they do."

## Local police point to improved crime figures in Bridgend

**THE latest Home Office crime figures show the streets of Bridgend and the Vale are staying safe, with a 6.4 per cent drop in crime across the region, says a police spokesman.**

Crime figures for the 12-month period up to March 31, 2011 released by the Home Office last week, reveal there were 1,035 fewer victims of crime in Central Division compared to the previous year.

The spokesman said: "There have been notable reductions in key areas such as violent crime, car crime and burglary."

"The biggest drop was in theft of motor vehicles, which fell by 21.9 per cent or 96 fewer thefts."

"The number of robberies has significantly dropped by 15.2 per cent, resulting in seven less incidents, while criminal damage has

also reduced by 14.5 per cent, with 560 fewer offences."

Superintendent Paul James of South Wales Police Central Division said: "Crime continues to fall across Bridgend and the Vale but this could not be achieved without the continued support of our communities."

"They play a major part in helping us to drive down crime by providing vital information to the police and standing up to be counted to bring offenders to justice."

He added that the Vale and Bridgend County Borough Councils are essential partners and contributors to the continued good news in Central Division.

Supt James added: "The combined challenge for us is to maintain this performance but also to reassure the residents of Bridgend and the Vale that they are living in safe communities."

He continued: "Police

officers and staff predominantly live and work in their own communities and we are working with the local service boards to develop even closer levels of cooperation and teamwork to maintain these improvements."

## Ewenny Community Council – latest news

**AT the July Meeting of Ewenny Community Council, no representatives from the police were present but it was reported that a hanging basket had been stolen from outside a house in Ewenny, and that a car was broken into when parked outside Ewenny Priory Church, and a handbag stolen.**

Potholes at the bottom of the hill in Wick Road, above the shop, had been repaired. Discussion took place on heating for the village hall.

Plans for the Diamond Jubilee in 2012 are well in hand and fundraising events are taking place.

The quarry liaison committee met in Ewenny Village Hall on June 13, and the next meeting to be held on December 12.

Alun Cairns MP has contacted the Vale Council concerning cycle races through the villages of Corntown and Ewenny, when no notification has been made of the event.

The amount of litter dropped in the community is a cause for concern and the Vale Council have sent us details of the fixed penalties which can be imposed. Unfortunately passing cars often drop their litter out of the car window.

The large number of weeds in The Nant, Corntown, have been cleared by the Vale Council.

The cutting of the grass verge at the junction of Wick Road and Tair Croes has been requested, as the long grass obscures vision for motorists.

**Mary Long**  
(Clerk to Ewenny Community Council)



# Star-studded Sony UK Tec Youth Games



*Organisers from the Active Young People's Department (AYPD) join Bridgend county borough Mayor, Coun Chris Michaelides, to welcome their guests from the sporting world.*

THE excitement of the Olympic and Paralympic games came to Bridgend Recreation Centre earlier this month in the form of the Sony UK Tec Youth Games.

The event is one of the largest school sports events in Wales, attracting more than 1,000 young athletes from 13 local schools, including children with disabilities.

The youth games have been supported by investment from Sport Wales, as part of a wider programme to encourage young people to live active and healthy lifestyles.

The teams representing the schools were supported by an army of volunteer sports leaders, who contribute their time on a weekly basis to support school sport.

Following the opening ceremony, the schools competed in 13 tournaments, with each school representing a sporting nation.

Bridgend continues to develop links with performance sport and the event attracted the likes of Olympians Helen Jenkins, Mark Jenkins and Matt Elias, and Paralympian Neil Robinson.

The Ospreys were also supportive, with players such as Christian Phillips, Ashley Beck and Richard Fussell sharing their experiences.

The Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council, Chris Michaelides commented: "We are committed to using the power of the 2012 games to motivate as many children and young people as possible. Today has been a great success."

The results of the tournaments were as follows:-

**Winners:** **Streetball** – Brynteg (Italy); **Fitness Challenge** – Brynteg (USA); **Boccia** – Ysgol Bryn Castell (Australia); **Boys table tennis** – Brynteg (Italy); **Girls table tennis** – Porthcawl (Trinidad and Tobago); **Boys rugby** – Porthcawl (Trinidad and Tobago); **Girls rugby** – Brynteg (USA); **Boys football** – Cynffig (Spain); **Girls football** – Cynffig (Spain); **Boys basketball** – Porthcawl (Trinidad and Tobago); **Girls basketball** – Ynysawdre (China).

**GEM NOTE:** No surprise to see 'Spain' win the football, but a major shock in the boys rugby!



*The streetball winners were Brynteg.*



*Paralympian Neil Robinson meets a fan.*



*Ysgol Bryn Castell were the boccia winners.*





# LALESTON FETE DEFIES THE MISERABLE WEATHER, AND A GOOD TIME IS HAD BY ALL!

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SATURDAY (July 16) was a pretty unseasonable day all round!

On the east coast of England, golfers in the Open Championship were really suffering in the high wind and driving rain, but the people in Laleston were determined to conquer the elements and have a good time as these pictures show!



ABOVE: A fine display in the horticulture section of the fete.

## Local boys and girls are on show at beauty pageant!

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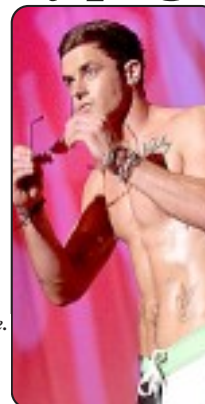
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ST David's Hall in Cardiff was the venue for this year's Miss and Mr Wales contest.

The only borough contestant to finish on the podium was Pyle's Kyle Evans, who came third in Mr Wales, but all the contestants put on a great show!

RIGHT: Kyle Evans of Pyle.

Below (left) is Heather Hopkins of Maesteg, and below (right) is Stephanie Lubbock of Porthcawl



ABOVE  
RIGHT:  
Andrew  
Phillips of  
Bridgend.

RIGHT:  
Mollie  
Woodward  
of  
Bridgend.





# PUPILS SAY 'FAREWELL' TO PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH THEIR OWN CARNIVAL

Porthcawl Primary School pupils were busy last week making costumes, rehearsing their acts, and moving to the sounds of Samba rhythms – for their 'home grown' carnival.

Local artist Siobhan Grice told The GEM how the carnival came about.

She said: "Inspired by my daughter Rose Ferris-Grice's forthcoming transition from primary to secondary school, I devised a project to help celebrate."

"With my background in the arts and teaching, I have been working with year-6 pupils creating a meeting space with stones, willow and logs and looking at past and present experiences of transition points in their lives."

With the support of acting headteacher Mrs Rowley and her staff, it was decided to finish the week with a special event – 'The Carnival of Life'. The Garifuna Drummers were recruited to supply some Caribbean rhythms.

Siobhan Grice said: "This has been a community effort with help from parents, staff and friends. The theme was taken from the natural environment – nature; sea; rainbows, sun – and a pink group following on from Zak's mini marathon for cancer research."



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MALCOLM NUGENT



# YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS



The GLAZE charity riders at the start in Chepstow and (right) on their way through Newport.



## Carl Turner

IT is with much sorrow that I learned that local rugby legend, Carl Turner had passed away.

In his younger days Carl was a very fine rugby player with Kenfig Hill; however, during the 1948/49 season, at the age of 20, and shortly after his demob from national service, he turned professional for the then, princely sum of £1,000, to play league football for Hull.

In recent years, Carl will be remembered as a gentleman with a wicked sense of humour who was very popular and a founder member of the Luncheon Club at the Talbot Community Centre.

His smiling face will be missed by all who knew him and thoughts turn to his loved daughter Lynne, son Kevin, son-in-law Roger, daughter-in-law Karen, grandchildren Samantha, Deborah, Christopher, Rhodri, Scott and great-grandson Isaac.

## GLAZE charity bike ride

WITH a couple of punctures, a snapped chain, a broken wheel, a couple suffering heat stroke and Jeff Evans suffering the trauma of reaching the age of 50 during the ride, Ray Giles and 31 cycling friends from Kenfig Hill, Pyle, Cefn Cribwr and Cornelly completed the marathon bike ride of 110 miles from Chepstow to Carmarthen on July 2, with a further 50 miles to Fishguard on July 3.

It was an amazing achievement, considering that some of the riders have only taken up cycling recently, and even more remarkable that they all rode the course on mountain bikes.

Everyone in the village is extremely proud of Ray and his friends for their efforts, particularly as they raised a magnificent £5,000 for the GLAZE prostate cancer charity, in the Princess of Wales Hospital.

## Community Council

Cricket field - The annual cost of providing a natural turf facility for cricket at Croft Goch is in the region of £4,000, with an on-going annual cost of £4,000 plus inflation.

Although all councillors spoke in favour of the provision of a cricket facility and approved the cost, Coun Paula James voiced her concern over the open-ended agreement to meet the cost ad infinitum.

However, after further discussion, it was proposed by Coun Luke Ellis and seconded by Coun Brian Morris to make the commitment, and the council voted unanimously in favour of the motion.

The clerk has now been instructed to obtain letters of commitment to the use of such a facility before writing to Bridgend CBC to request the work to proceed, to provide a cricket facility, as soon as possible.

**Fun day** - Coun Gina Hooper, chair of the fun day committee, reported that the posters and 2,500 flyers with competition entry forms on the reverse side were ready for distribution.

It is also hoped that the raffle tickets will be ready in the near future. Coun Hooper said that the very enthusiastic committee had plans in place for a very successful inaugural fun day.

**Poppy party** - The Great Poppy Party weekend cabaret evening was an outstanding success, enabling the council to send a cheque for £500 to the Royal British Legion.

It was proposed by Coun Paula James and seconded by Coun Gina Hooper that a letter should be sent to Richard Sims, chair of the Talbot Community Centre, to thank him for his work in organising the evening.

**Youth Council** - Catherine Jones, Deputy Youth Mayor, told the Council that the Bridgend Youth Council was formed in 1999 to empower young people to get involved in local politics.

She said that they have 54 members in the 11 to 25 age group and meet in the council chamber, Bridgend every Monday from 5.30pm-7.30 pm.

Their 'pet' project would like to see 20 young people between the ages of 14 to 25 attend each Pyle Community Council meeting as a link with the youth of the area.

They would also like to see two community councillors act as mentors or friendly faces. Councillors Luke Ellis, Gina Hooper and Paula James agreed to act in this capacity.



## COMMUNITY NEWS from KENFIG HILL AND PYLE

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## School awards

MANY congratulations go to the following Mynydd Cynffig Junior School pupils who were nominated for impressing the staff at the school last week:

Josef Gray - Class 1, Alex Underhill - Class 2, Taryn Matthews - Class 3, Corey Paul - Class 4, Jack Underhill - Class 5, Christopher Hatherley - Class 6 and Rachael Duffy from Class 7. The head teacher's award went to Jack Joy.

**Inter school matches** - The school played their final matches in basketball and rounders at Newton School in Porthcawl last Friday.

The Rounders 'A' lost 5-2, despite Lee Boundfield making some outstanding catches; however, the 'B' team won by 3-2.

Both basketball teams had outstanding matches. With Jade Mitchell and Callum Wright playing extremely well, the 'A' team won by 31-2.

The 'B' team had an exceptional win. With Rees Moody having an excellent game, they beat Newton by 68 points.

It was a good warm-up game for the basketball team in preparation for the national finals.

**Basketball final** - Due to their results over the season, the school are the winners of the Bridgend South, Basketball League. This allowed the school, who are the current holders of this event, to enter the national finals at Bridgend Recreation Centre.

**Sports day** - After two postponements, the school sports day finally took place last Thursday.

The weather was great and was only matched by the enthusiasm shown by the pupils and parents.

A great crowd was able to share in an exciting contest between the four houses and despite a technical hitch in the 'Tug of War', Mynydd Tylwyn managed to win the overall contest.

The final placing was: First, Mynydd Tylwyn;

second, Mynydd Baeden; third, Mynydd Y Castell; and fourth, Mynydd Margam.

**End of year concert** - Everyone who watched years 5 and 6 perform *Under the Sea*, at the Pyle Life Centre last week, think that it was probably one of the best productions produced by the school.

The choir were very focused throughout the show and the acting was of the highest standard. The series of dances complemented the story and with more than 50 pupils on stage and more than 40 in the choir, everyone had an important part to play, and they ensured that everything flowed together smoothly.

All the children and every member of staff must be congratulated for working so hard to make the show a real success.

**Report** - In his end of year report, acting head teacher, Mr Goldsworthy, said that the 2010/11 school year had been an eventful one, starting off like any other year but ending a little different.

He said that the nature of life is change and that Mynydd Cynffig Junior School will benefit from that change when Mr Davies returns to lead the school onwards, and hopefully play a big part in developing the new primary school on site.

He said that he had also enjoyed leading the school, during which time it has seen the arrival of Mr Pedler, who added the very successful, new and exciting 'Cricket Revolution' for the pupils, something that the boys and girls have really enjoyed.

It is also the time of year when the school says goodbye to pupils in year-6, and Mr Goldsworthy would like to wish them good luck in their new schools.

## Wellbeing Centre

THE activities being held by the Mental Health Matters Wales on July 27, in the Talbot Community Centre,

The cyclists at the finish in Fishguard.



Prince Road, are: Valley and Vale arts and crafts workshop from 2pm-3pm; Karen and Sue from Remploy Support Services from 2pm-4pm; and 'Writing with Val' (expressive and fun) from 1pm-5pm.

## Support centre

AMONG the many who turned up when the Leader of BCBC, Coun Mel Nott and cabinet member, Coun Huw David opened the new Pyle and Porthcawl Adult Support Centre at Pyle Life Centre, were the chief executive of BCBC, Jo Farrah, the Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgend, Coun Christopher and Mrs Felicity Michaelides, BCBC councillors Clive James, Megan Butcher, Jeff Tyldsley and Lyn Morgan, the chair of Pyle Community Council, Coun Kay John and community councillor Paula James.

Also present were Sue Cooper, head of social care, Elved Jones, centre manager, Abergail Harris, corporate director for wellbeing at BCBC, Margaret Dixon, day services manager, Scott Pickrell, assistant day services manager, Margaret Griffiths BCBC library services and members of the centre with their families including Paul Farer, who cut the ribbon with Coun Nott.

There were also many residents present which indicates how important the Adult Support Centre is to the community.

**Gala evening** IN front of an audience of more than 600, including special guests, Carwyn Jones, First Minister of



ABOVE: Guests at the opening of Pyle Adult Support Centre.



Paul Farer cuts the ribbon at the support centre opening.

Wales, (also honorary patron of the choir), along with principal sponsors, Mr and Mrs David Brace of Dunraven Windows, Mr Mike Thomas of the Green Acre Motel (The choir's headquarters), Mr Hopkin Joseph of Watts & Morgan and the choir president, Mr Win Griffiths, the Kenfig Hill & District Male Voice Choir celebrated their 40th anniversary with a gala evening of song in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, last Saturday.

Compered by Tony Mullins, the choir, with musical director, Philip Juliff and accompanists Andrew Chinnock and Beryl Evans, were



Couns Mel Nott and Huw David.

backed up by performances from the youth choir, Crescendo, the massed schools choir (from Mynydd Cynffig Junior School, Pyl Primary School, Afon y Felin Primary School, Corneli Primary School), Soloists were Eve Sherratt (soprano), Robert Tremlett (principal tenor in the choir), and a brilliant piano solo from Andrew Chinnock. The evening, filled with laughter and song, was a huge success.



## 'Put Supermarket on Waterfront'

**I**FEEL I have to respond to Mr Hartwell's letter and "unbelievable" comments regarding the Barry councillors' vote against Sainsbury's coming to Barry.

I fear Mr Hartwell has missed the point completely.

The overwhelming feeling against the store was in fact the location, and not a vote against

the supermarket. I cannot begin to speak for the 3,000 plus who signed the petition, although I'm pretty sure the majority would welcome Sainsbury's to Barry – but in a more appropriate position, and not opposite a school and extremely busy junction and roundabout. Why not at the Waterfront, where there is ample room to accommodate another giant supermarket?

Teresa Clark, Barry

## 'Ridiculous place for supermarket'

**I**CANNOT believe the letter written by Michael Hartwell in The GEM on July 14, regarding the planning committee's decision to deny the application for Sainsbury's store.

In the first place, this was always a ridiculous place to put a supermarket. Has he even looked at the proposed plans? This decision was based on the very dangerous location, its limited parking facilities and the difficulties and the effect on local residents.

It was stated by me, on behalf of many, that we are not against Sainsbury's coming to Barry. We would welcome them – and, indeed, better locations have been suggested.

Coun Janice Charles, Barry

## Facing up to the threat in store

**S**O Mr Hartwell believes we need another supermarket chain in Barry... If he had attended the council meeting when this was discussed, he would have better understood the arguments relating to the provision of a Sainsbury's store in this location.

He asks whether the people objecting use local stores, rather than M&S or B&Q. The answer, in my case, is yes.

The cost of petrol being what it is, I will always try to find an item in Barry rather than outside, and that includes all the shops on Park Crescent and the High Street.

If Mr Hartwell wants a supermarket or minimarket, he already has a choice in Barry, of Lidl, Waitrose, The Co-operative, Tesco and Morrisons.

The majority of people who signed the petition did so voluntarily – I never saw anyone having their arms twisted – and they did so because they wanted to see the character of Park Crescent shopping retained, not destroyed by yet another supermarket chain.

A Sainsbury's store would be a jobs, community and livelihood killer for most of the other businesses on Park Crescent and we must not allow this thriving community to be devastated.

David Kennett, Barry

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## THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

# Readers' Letters

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## 'RECYCLING WOULD STOP WHINGING'

**I**AM fed up with all this whinging about the problems of black bag collections – there are more important issues to worry about in this country today.

I agree with the writers, Mr and Mrs Poole from Barry Island. No-

one mentioned recycling. My wife and I recycle food, cardboard/plastics, newspapers, cans and glass. We also have a plastic dustbin to keep our black bag in (yes, one bag a fortnight).

There was a letter in The GEM letters page about three weeks ago on the same subject, complaining about car-

bon footprints because of journeys to the waste disposal units, the cost of petrol and wear and tear of the car! All of you ought to get a life.

Cuts have got to be made because of the state the country is in; it hurts but would you rather see some of the council work force made redundant because of the cuts?

My whinge is householders who don't recycle. Opposite my house are streets of about 120

houses. I have counted the food waste buckets for the Wednesday collection – 25 in all – and it's the same with the other fortnightly recycling days.

Why can't the council make it compulsory, as they do in Cardiff?

The food waste recycling, if made compulsory, would stop most of the problems of black bags being ripped open by all and sundry. (Name and address supplied)

## Sainsbury's: too late to complain

**I**WRITE in response to Michael Hartwell (last week's GEM) who has totally missed the point as to the reasoning of the planning committee in rejecting Sainsbury's planning application in respect of 39-40 Park Crescent, Barry.

It has been made clear to Sainsbury's throughout the planning process that their presence in Barry would be more than welcome, but that their choice of location was unsuitable.

For the councillors to have allowed Sainsbury's to open a busy retail store with long opening hours within yards of a highly populated residential area, opposite Barry's largest primary school, next to a well-used pedestrian crossing, and at the junction of a busy roundabout where traffic chaos already reigns, would have been preposterous and unthinkable.

The decision to reject the proposal (made after site visits by the planning committee) was the only sensible outcome.

If Mr Hartwell and his friends were so supportive of Sainsbury's, why didn't they make their views known during the planning process?

In addition to the 3,500 names on the petition (not 3,000 as Mr Hartwell states), the council received hundreds of individual letters of objection to the proposal, and just a single letter of support.

Everyone had the chance to make their views known and it is far too late to be complaining about the decision now.

Leanne Sokolski, Barry

## 'Amazed at opposition'

**I**AM amazed that letter writer Mr Hartwell is opposed to the council's decision not to allow Sainsbury's to locate to Park Crescent.

As I understand it, this was to be a 'Local', therefore the range of goods to be sold would have been limited. He has not taken into account the adverse effect this would have had on a major road beside a school.

The council were opposed to the location, not to Sainsbury's and I am sure they would assist them in finding a more suitable location.

I am a very frequent visitor to Barry and take a great interest in the town, as a union representative.

Tony Strudwick, Gloucester

## WAITING FOR THE RUBBISH COLLECTION

**T**HE Vale Council's CS Parish is either naive or ignorant of the reality of fortnightly refuse collections.

At the time of writing (Saturday evening) I have five full black bags sitting on, and spoiling, my garden patio.

One of them is full of used cat litter, which has been accumulating for nine days – your readers can imagine the stench.

Not to mention the other bags which, despite separate food waste collections, have numerous malodorous food containers such as tin cans, plastic trays and other materials contaminated

with stale food.

And there are still another four and a half days of further accumulation to go, before I can dispose of this unsanitary nuisance.

This situation is clearly unacceptable and it's outrageous that the Vale Council allows it to continue.

I have previously called for the council to supply wheelie bins for the safe storage of household waste.

If they cannot agree to that, then they must reinstate weekly collections – we cannot continue to live in these unhygienic conditions. (CS Parish take note).

Christopher Ware, Barry

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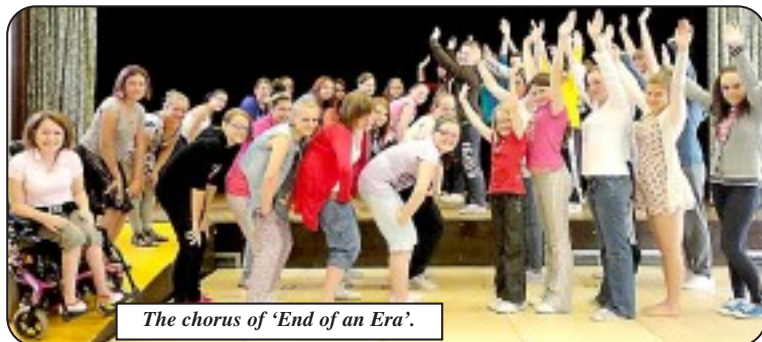
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# CURTAIN COMES DOWN BUT WILL SOON RISE AGAIN

## Ynysawdre marks the 'End of an Era' with a dazzling 'farewell' concert



The chorus of 'End of an Era'.

by ENID  
SIAN-  
HUGHES

A FANTASTIC evening was held at Ynysawdre Comprehensive School to mark 'The End of an Era'!

Past and present pupils joined together to present an evening of musical entertainment.

As the curtain opened to a ray of colour with each pupil wearing a coloured t-shirt with the slogan 'End of an Era', we knew that we had a treat in store.

Even though it is an end of an era for Ynysawdre, I am sure that pupils will not forget their motto 'BEST: Behaviour, Effort, Success, Trust', all features of which were displayed in this evening's performance.

It started with a medley from *Joseph And His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, with soloists Michael Evans, Eleanor Evans and Nico Fitzgibbon.

This was followed by a duet 'Whistle Down The Wind' by Katie Brearley and Chloe Richards, and then a lively extract from *Gladragr* by past pupil Garry Sage.

It was good to see the younger pupils taking part as they enthusiastically sang 'The Circle of Life' from *The Lion King*.

Then the older pupils, plus past pupil Simon Humphrey, produced beautiful harmony as they sang 'I Will Follow Him' and 'Oh Happy Day' from *Sister Act*.



Derek Perkins (Teen Angel) and his Beauty School Dropout dancing troupe.

The first half of the evening finished with a colourful extract from the musical *Grease*, which was first performed in 2004 and included the same pupils who played Danny and Sandy at that time – Simon Humphrey and Stacey Browning, and also Natasha Warren, who played Rizzo.

Of course, one has to mention Mr Derek Perkins and his dance troupe as they performed 'Beauty School Dropout' and received the biggest cheer.

The second half of the concert opened with an extract from the very popular West End show

*Les Miserables*, which the school performed very successfully in 2008.

Soloists included past pupils Rebecca Thomas and Nathan Stadden, with present pupils Chloe Richards and Eleanor Evans taking leading roles.

This was followed by a number of solo items by past pupils of the school. Rhian Hughes sang 'Popular' from *Wicked*, followed by 'Somewhere That's Green' by Rachel Thomas and ending with 'It's Hard To Speak My Heart' with Nathan Stadden.

All gave a confident and mature performance. Then there was a rendition of 'Wanderin' Star' by the senior boys at the school.

The final musical extract was from *The Wizard of Oz*, which the school performed last year.

All the original cast were there and gave the same amazing performance that they did last year.

Dorothy was played by Rhian Hughes, Scarecrow by Jenna Crocombe, Tin-Man by Nico Fitzgibbon, The Lion by Oliver Liddard and Wicked Witch by Rhia Davies.

As the munchkins

waved them off, they all followed the yellow brick road as they enthusiastically sang 'We're Off To See The Wizard'.

The evening came to its grand finale with the breathtaking rendition of 'One Day More' from *Les Miserables*, where both past and present pupils came on stage and sang as one.

There were few dry eyes as the song came to a close with a standing ovation.

The music department – Andrea Stockton, Zoe Western, Delyth Welsh – and the musical team led by Mike Plowman on piano, must be congratulated on putting on such a spectacular finale.

As the headteacher Tony Morgan congratulated the staff and pupils, past and present, you could tell how proud he was of Ynysawdre School.

As they mark the 'End of an Era', they also look to the future as Ynysawdre joins with Ogmores Comprehensive School in September to become Coleg Communedol Y Dderwyn.

With talent both old and new from both schools, we are sure to see some wonderful school productions and concerts in the years ahead.



The full cast of Ynysawdre School's 'End of an Era'.



'Oh no! Not he!' the brothers in Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'.



Greased Lightning! A musical number from Grease.



The cast of *The Wizard of Oz*: (Left to right) Rhian Hughes (Dorothy), Rhia Davies (Wicked Witch), Oliver Liddard (Lion), Jenna Crocombe (Scarecrow) and Nico Fitzgibbon (Tin-man).

## Porthcawl Tenovus' first charity walk

PORTHCAWL Tenovus is organising its first sponsored walk on Saturday, August 6.

The assistant manager, Patti Aspey, said: "We will be leaving the Tenovus shop on John Street in Porthcawl at 11am to walk a circular route along the seafront on the new path and finishing at the Hi Tide Inn, where there will be free refreshments. Free t-shirts will be

provided in return for a £2.50 registration fee and a minimum sponsorship amount of £5".

Funds raised will be going towards the upkeep of the Tenovus mobile unit which takes chemotherapy out into the community, and which has welfare rights workers and bereavement counsellors on board.

For more information call into the Porthcawl Tenovus shop.



# Out and About with The GEM

## Former boxing champ Nicky in run for hospice care charity



Nicky Piper with wife Juliet, son Oliver aged nine and six-year-old Imogen are in training for GTHC's Spar 3k 4 Kidz event.

**FORMER Welsh boxing champ Nicky Piper and his family are heading a fun run for charity next month.**

George Thomas Hospice Care (GTHC) is appealing for families to join its first family fun run – the Spar 3k 4 Kidz on August 14 at Bute

Park, Cardiff.

All funds raised will support patients and their families with cancer and other life threatening illnesses.

GTHC's fundraising and events officer Nicky Piper was one of the first to sign his family up for the event and said: "We held a really successful 5k run in March and the

minimum age allowed was 11, but there were so many children cheering their parents on who wanted to run that the idea for the 3k 4 Kidz was conceived.

"We're all having great fun training together as a family and getting fit, too!"

To sign up for the Spar 3k 4 Kidz event call GTHC on 029 20 524150 or go to [www.gthc.org.uk](http://www.gthc.org.uk)

## Competition winner

THE winner of our recent competition in conjunction with The Cross Inn, for a meal for two (prize to the value of £25) was Mrs A Evans, of Barry. Congratulations!

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## What's On in and around your area

### Tea party for Marie Curie

FOLLOWING the success of 'Blooming Great Tea Parties' held in the offices of Larby Williams, the staff have decided to hold their third tea party in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care on Friday, July 29, from 2.30pm-4.30pm at The Pavilion, 60 Eastgate, Cowbridge.

"There is no charge for the tea and cakes but we would ask people attending to make a donation to the charity."

"Representatives from Marie Curie will be at the tea to explain the wonderful service they provide," a spokesperson said.

### Holiday club

NEXT month, the Methodist church in the Vale children's and youth team will hold

its annual Holiday Club, and jungle jamboree is the theme.

Holiday Club for children in school classes 1 to 6 will be at The Gathering Place, Methodist Church & Community Centre, from August 2-4, at 10am-12.30pm; £1 entry per day. For information, contact Rev Peter Taylor on 01446 406 262 or email: [revpeter@live.co.uk](mailto:revpeter@live.co.uk)

### Fun dog show

PORHCRAWL Animal Welfare Society is holding its annual fun dog show on Bank Holiday, Sunday, August 28, at Salt Lake, Porthcawl; craft stalls, food and refreshments and pet competitions.

Contact Liz on 0781 4244255 or visit: [www.pawsporthcawl.co](http://www.pawsporthcawl.co)

### Roadworks report

Temporary traffic control: A4050 Port Road East, Barry, outside The White Lion public house, East Street, Llanwit Major.

Road closure: George Street, Barry; Terra North Way from junction of Penarth Parkway to roundabout, Marconi Avenue

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This was part of the 'air activities badge' for the Cubs. After a quick trip to the hangar, they were allowed onto the aircraft

After a climb up the staging, the rudder controls were explained to them and at the top, they looked down on the whole aircraft

The Cubs and Scouts would like to thank Mr Gerry Turnbull for allowing the visit to take place. **ROBERT McNICHOL**

*Gwyneth Paltrow and Piers Fennell*  
*Gan Megan Rees*

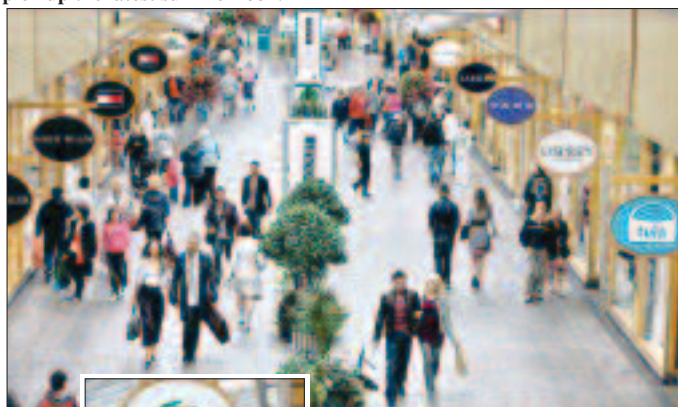
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# TOWN WALLS CELEBRATION DEFIES THE RAIN AS HISTORIC RESTORATION WORK IS FINISHED

**WEATHER** may have dampened the atmosphere, but not the spirit of Cowbridge Charter Trust's town walls celebration last Saturday, a truncated programme of which had to be transferred to Cowbridge Town Hall in the adverse circumstances.

Trust chairman, Hugh Field, said, "It was hugely to be regretted that we were forced into a last-minute change of plan.

"Had the event taken place in Old Hall Gardens, next to the town walls and the regeneration programme going on in the garden, it would have made for a perfect celebration.

"Despite all that, our volunteers did their very best to cope and to raise the spirits, in addition to which we had the presence of the Vale Council Leader, Coun Gordon Kemp, our MP,

## Report by PHILIP IRWIN

Alun Cairns and our AM, Jane Hutt."

The gathering in the town hall was addressed by the president of the trust, Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, who paid tribute to the work carried out by the trust.

He said: "When I brought HRH the Prince of Wales to Cowbridge, he was captivated and said: *Why haven't I been here before?*"

He said that the Duchess of Cornwall was now a patron of the Physic Garden, and he was sure that when the Prince saw all the new work that had been done since his visit, he would be doubly impressed.

Speaking after the event, Hugh Field said: "We were splendidly entertained by the Volunteer Band of RAF St Athan under their conductor, Alan

Bourne, by the delightful Belladonna ladies' choir and by the CADS' thespians, Peter Knapp and Geoff Grist, who gave us the Dick Buswell-scripted presentation of 750 years of Cowbridge town walls history – a wise and witty account of our town's history, condensed into a duologue of 18 minutes' duration.

"Since then we've had several requests for a repeat performance, for a video or a presentation of the script in pamphlet form – it was that good," he said.

A ceillidh danced to the music of Dick Tonkin's Thingummyjigs rounded off a day that included refreshments provided by Cowbridge Fairtrade, and a bar provided by the Bear Hotel and run jointly by Peter Croke and Ross Chamberlain.

Pictures of the event can be seen on the website: Cowbridge Charter-Trust.co.uk.

*When the early afternoon bad weather had cleared, there was an opportunity for all to examine the restored town walls.*



## PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK



Sir Norman Lloyd Edwards.

**ABOVE:**  
Cowbridge deputy mayor Coun Nicola Thomas, Vale MP Alun Cairns and Basil Watkins.

**RIGHT:**  
To coincide with the town walls celebrations, ladies from the local history society opened the 'History Room' in the Old Hall.



The Belladonna Ladies Choir



# Schoolboy in 15-minute battle to land Lake Carol's prize carp catch!

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

**AN eight-year-old Barry schoolboy fought for 15 minutes with a line and rod to land a prize carp weighing in at an impressive 9lbs.**

Joe Osborne, who attends All Saints Primary School, made the catch on only his fourth fishing trip with dad Tom, a member of Glamorgan Anglers Club.

He told The GEM: "My dad Tom and I went fishing on July 10 at Lake Carol by Dow Coming – the old dock pond in Barry."

"While my dad was setting up his gear, a kind, older man offered to set me up to catch 'some big fish'. I'd only caught small fish before! "He gave me some

traditional tips and advice while my dad had a break.

"The man then asked me to look after his rod while he took a stroll around the lake."

No sooner had the man left, than Joe struck lucky by hooking the fish.

"I fought the fish on my own for about 15 minutes and then needed help to land it onto the bank."

"It was a common carp weighing in at around 8-9lbs – although I was told the scales weren't accurate so it's difficult to be certain."

"After the fish was weighed we put it back in the water."

Proud dad Tom said: "It was the biggest fish caught that morning



**ABOVE:**  
*Joe caught the carp on only his fourth fishing expedition with dad Tom.*

among the group of anglers in the vicinity – embarrassing for the more experienced senior members!

"In a society where people generally keep themselves to themselves, it was really nice for a stranger to voluntarily help Joe and give some of his time to help."

"I appreciated the break! My guess is that Joe will forget most of the modern day experiences, like scooters, bikes, and electronic gaming systems, but he will never forget an experience like this."

"Joe and I would like to thank the kind gentleman for his help."

## Phantom 'Mayday' puzzles teams

**FREAK atmospheric conditions are thought to be behind a phantom 'Mayday' call that caused a major alert in the Bristol Channel last week.**

The volunteer crew of the RNLI's Barry Dock Lifeboat joined the search when the call came in on Thursday, July 14, at 9:15pm.

The cox'n of the Barry Dock Lifeboat, Hugh 'Spud' Davies, said that a weak Mayday signal was heard by the Portland HM Coastguard and it was believed to be in the Bristol Channel area.

HM Coastguard at

Swansea immediately launched the Barry Dock Lifeboat to search a large area between Flatholme and Stout Point.

The HM Coastguard Search and Rescue team from Barry were also deployed to search the coastline.

After a number of hours, the teams were stood down with nothing found.

Gerry Adams, press officer for Barry RNLI, told The GEM: "It is believed that the transmitted Mayday signal may have 'bounced' off the St Hilary mast, due to the atmospheric conditions at the time."

## £450 raised for church funds



*The boys at the barbie!*

**THE sun shone and people turned out in force for All Saints Church fundraising barbecue on July 10.**

Burgers and hotdogs were served with a delicious range of salads, followed by ice creams and fresh fruit salad. The Pimms bar went down well as did the bouncy castle, which kept the children amused all afternoon!

A great time was had by all, and £450 was raised towards the church conversion project now under way, which will enable All Saints to be opened up for parish and community use throughout the week.

A big thank you to all who worked so hard to make the afternoon a success.



*Two local supporters of the Healing the Wounds charity, Tracy Darby and Christine Pullen, braved the rain in Llantwit Major to show their support for the fundraising initiative at Cardiff Airport which starts on August 1.*

## 'Healing the Wounds' fundraiser at Airport

**CARDIFF AIRPORT** will be the focus of a fundraising event from August 1-October 31, on behalf of the Bridgend-based Armed Forces charity, **Healing the Wounds**.

Healing the Wounds was set up by Kevin Richards, a former military medic just under two years ago.

The aim of the charity is to offer treatment and support to serving military and former military personnel who, due to conflict of war, may be suffering from 'post traumatic stress disorder' (PTSD).

The effects of PTSD on military personnel not only affects them, but can impact on their families too.

Kevin Richards, founder of the charity, said: "We would like to thank Cardiff Airport for their fantastic support which will help us to provide much needed treat-

ment within Wales for our Armed Forces, Veterans and their families."

"Dedicated volunteers will help us to raise money to continue providing this facility within Wales."

Margaret James, Cardiff Airport's contracts and quality manager, said: "We're delighted to offer our support to such a worthy cause, and hope that staff and passengers at the airport will be generous in their donations to help raise much needed funds for Healing the Wounds, an excellent charity supporting the armed forces here in Wales."

If you would like to get involved in 'Healing the Wounds' fundraising at Cardiff Airport, please call 01446 795137; or go to the charity's website [www.healingthewounds.co.uk](http://www.healingthewounds.co.uk).

## Winners in The Night Garden!



**THE winners of The GEM's 'In The Night Garden' competition were Jane Foster and Vivienne Burdiscombe; runners-up were Angela Sullivan, L Watts and Sarah Sellen.**

Mrs Vivienne Burdiscombe writes: "I would just like to express my delight at being a winner in your recent In The Night Garden competition."

"The prize included four tickets to see the show at Bute Park, Cardiff. I, along with my son Gareth, daugh-

ter-in-law Nicola, and granddaughter Carys - enjoyed the show immensely."

"I've attached a photograph of my granddaughter, Carys Biddiscombe who attends High Street Infants School, Barry."

Carys is pictured above with Uppsy Daisy and Iggle Piggle, two of her favourite television characters."

We're sure you all had a great time with Iggle Piggle and Co! Watch out for more great GEM competitions!

## OUT OF TOWN 'Meet the People' update

**Talbot Green, Pontyclun, Llantrisant & Ystradowen**

## Why community shopping makes more sense than ever!

**COMMUNITY shopping looks set for a renaissance in the future – because it makes such good sense in saving fuel and time, supporting local jobs, and dealing with someone the shoppers can get to know and trust.**

Pontyclun, Talbot Green and Llantrisant are prime examples of bustling village and town economies that are thriving, thanks to the huge variety of services on offer.

One local shopper, Sandra Patterson, a care worker who supports people with learning difficulties in Llanharry, said she and her family all use local shopping areas.

Sandra lives in Tonyrefail and told The GEM: "It is so convenient for me to pop into the shops in Pontyclun or Talbot Green during my working day."

"Today my sister and I are having our hair done, but in Pontyclun I use the post office, the butchers and have been to the pub for a Christmas meal and karaoke."

"My husband Arthur, and son Matthew, who works in Llantrisant, also shop locally."

Sandra also picks up prescriptions at the local chemists and can deal with any banking at the same time.

Local butcher John Hughes said that although the life-blood of the local economy is thanks to the loyalty of people in nearby villages and the Rhondda Valley, businesses also get healthy trade thanks to people passing through.

"We get customers from Barry, Cardiff and Swansea – there's a lot of passing trade."

John lives in Porthcawl, owned a shop in Pencoed, but relocated to more spacious premises in Pontyclun 18 years ago and hasn't looked back.

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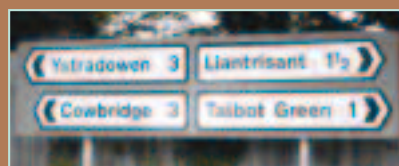
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# OUT OF TOWN

## 'Meet the People' update

### Talbot Green, Pontyclun, Llantrisant & Ystradowen

## PEOPLE ON YOUR FRIENDLY HIGH ST



Nancy, Derreck and Vanessa, part of the team at The Community Shop.

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He said: "People like the village atmosphere here – and the variety of businesses on offer."

Just a glance up and down the high street confirms John's

claim – florists, banks, coffee shops, restaurants, bistros, travel agents, chemists, physiotherapists, beauty salons – why go into Cardiff to shop when its all on your doorstep?

One of the most

familiar shops in Pontyclun is the Community Shop, which was started 20 years ago by Kath Jones and Father Martin Reynolds.

Vanessa Pullman, the manager, said: "We are grateful for donations from the public, and support both local community causes, and charities such as Velindre, Ty Hafan and Afrikids."

"We have 26 part time staff who help to run the shop, and they come from Pontyclun, Brynsadler, Talbot Green and Llantrisant."

"People shop locally because they like the atmosphere, and we get people from as far away as Aberdare."

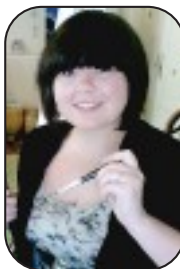
People who buy from the huge choice of clothes, CDs, books, toys, ornaments and pictures are pleased to know that the shop is putting something back into the community.



ABOVE: Mother and daughter team: Diana Pika and Ingrid Brooks from Ingy's Undies.



ABOVE: Glenn Brooks is the face of the south Wales Benefits Service.



ABOVE: Beth Giles of Giles Gallery.



ABOVE: John Hughes and Bruce Chivers... The butchers!



ABOVE: Rhian Evans is The House In Town boutique.



ABOVE: Marcus Foster, barber.



ABOVE: Old Llantrisant is popular with shoppers and tourists.



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## Potter's final outing drips with magic, but not enough depth

**A**LL good things must come to an end, whether it is Shane Williams' international career, Cheryl Cole's tenure on American X Factor or Ryan Giggs' reputation as a family man.

However, the hole left by *Harry Potter* on the cinematic landscape will certainly be a prominent one.

Seven films with a global box office of \$4.5billion is certainly nothing to be sniffed at, and the final part of the story seems certain to add to that.

Part two of the final book, *The Deathly Hallows*, picks up where part one left off, with Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) heading back to Hogwarts in order to try and thwart Voldemort's (Ralph Fiennes) plans to bring a dark shadow across the world.

As the stakes are raised like never before, will the three friends, and other members of Hogwarts, be able to stop the evil Voldemort once and for all...

Ten years on from its auspicious debut, and the *Harry Potter* franchise has never shown any signs of slowing down.

With all eyes fixed on the final outing, the biggest question was whether or not the film would manage to go out with a bang rather than a whimper.

The answer is a little bit of both...as while *The Deathly Hallows: Part 2* is a fitting end to the biggest film series of all time, it also suffers from similar foibles to its predecessors.

With David Yates on his fourth outing as

### SCREEN TALK



by **GARETH JAMIESON**

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director, there is a pleasing sense of urgency about the film, the director obviously relishing the opportunity to close the series in the right way possible.

From the opening set-piece (a raid on Gringotts bank) Yates executes the spectacle with flair and precision, delivering some wonderful action moments.

When the films shifts into the siege at Hogwarts, as Voldemort and his army do battle with Harry and his makeshift group of students and parents, there is more than a hint of the grandiose action that Peter Jackson offered in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, Yates uses the scope to full effect.

The cast also bring their best for last, with Daniel Radcliffe giving Harry a little more depth this time around as the magnitude of events take hold, while Emma Watson and Rupert Grint are as bookishly likeable and amusing as they have always been.

While some of the adult cast are reduced to

being high-profile extras (Jim Broadbent, Julie Walters, Mark Williams), the likes of Maggie Smith and Ralph Fiennes deliver the goods, while Alan Rickman stands out as we learn the back story of Snape and the reasons for his actions.

As ever, Steve Kloves adapts the book well, the story moving with verve, but as is always the case, there is plenty that goes unexplained or passed over, lessening the dramatic effect.

While this film, more than any of the others, raises the stakes, with the possibility of most of the cast being offed, any drama from these moments is reduced by all too often glossing over what has happened.

There are several deaths that will resonate with the audience, but Kloves' screenplay is too busy to linger on the ramifications of them, instead moving on a little too swiftly, the climax in particular feeling terribly flat.

While it isn't the finest of the series (that honour going to ... *Prisoner of Azkaban*), ... *The Deathly Hallows: Part 2* is still a grandiose and fitting way to end the films, and will no doubt please the hordes of fans savouring their final slice of the boy wizard.

**VERDICT** - Farewell to Harry Potter, but it is a goodbye that will more than satisfy the muggles. The usual book-to-screen issues aside, the strong direction of David Yates and pleasing turns across the board mean that ... *The Deathly Hallows: Part 2* is a fitting farewell. *Recommended.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** All of the *Harry Potter* films, *The Return of the King*.

## T.A.O.W. Triumph at tournament for the tiny!

**TAE KWON DO Academy of Wales took part in a tournament in Llantrisant Leisure Centre on Saturday July 2, organised solely for small children ages 4-8yrs.**

It was the first time such an event had been organised and the main aim was to make the tournament as much fun as possible.

With this in mind, sparring, was replaced with *Dragons Tail*, where the students had to grab the 'tail' from their opponents belt.

For beginners, patterns were replaced with basic punching techniques and the children also performed their special techniques which included flying side kick and high kicks.

Under the close supervision of senior black belts our younger black belts were given the opportunity to officiate at the event and were a credit to their instructors, fellow students and their parents.

26 students from T.A.O.W took part and came away with a staggering 24 medals, made up of four gold, five silver and 15 bronze.

A fantastic day was had by all and came to a close on a high note with a ceremonial presentation of a medal and certificate awarded to each and every child for taking part.

Following the success of the day it was immediately proposed to organise another event this November.

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# £230 MILLION WATERFRONT SCHEME IS ON THE WAY...

## Vale project to start this year!

**WORK on a massive £230m redevelopment of Barry's dockland area could start later this year - after Vale councillors gave the green light at a recent meeting.**

Over the next 15 years, the Waterfront will be transformed, and there will be a second road to Barry Island - subject to the Welsh Government deciding whether the route needs an environmental assessment first.

Coun Tony Hampton told The GEM: "I am delighted that the scheme had full planning support."

"There are five phases which will be over 15 years, and it will be a wonderful boost for the economy."

There will be 2,000 houses, a junior school, a supermarket, restaurants, cafes, leisure facilities and retail outlets.

Coun Hampton said that as the Vale education cabinet member, he

### REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

had been particularly pleased that the plans delivered a larger location for the school in the West Pond area than had been previously been the case.

"It will be over a much bigger site. Instead of the primary school being over one hectare, it will be over one and a half hectares."

Barry Waterfront Consortium spokesman, Richard Keogh, said that work could start in months.

"As long as the full application for the link road is allowed to proceed without a separate environmental impact assessment, the site preparation works could be under way before the end of the year."

He went on: "The consortium is pleased that the huge benefits of this important scheme, both for Barry and the wider region, have been recognised in the planning committee's unanimous resolution to grant planning permission, subject to the signing of

the Section 106 agreement.

"The Quays, together with the proposed link road to Barry Island, is a large and complex regeneration project that has met significant challenges along the way. The decision represents an important milestone."

He said that not only would there be significant improvements to the local infrastructure, such as pedestrian and cycle links, and public open spaces, there would new jobs and fresh opportunities for regeneration.

He claimed: "It will send out a clear and positive message to visitors, employers and potential investors who will be encouraged to come and take a closer look."

Mr Keogh did strike one note of caution, pointing out that there were challenges for the consortium in preparing land for the work.

"The site does present significant construction challenges, including some major decontami-

nation and flood prevention measures, which means that it could take up to two years to complete the full remediation works.

"However, these works would also be 'phased' which would mean that the first residential and commercial buildings could be completed by the end of 2013."

Last week, The GEM reported on a call from *Pride in Barry's* chairman, Paul Haley, for a marina to be built at the Waterfront too.

He said it would boost the town's image and generate inward investment. Both the Vale Council and the consortium reacted positively to the suggestion.

Coun Hampton said this week that he would welcome a marina.

He stressed that the challenge for the multi-million pound scheme would be the construction of locks dealing with the world's second highest tide - a project that would require an in-depth technical examination and a lot of engineering detail.

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RANDELL JOHN



## Who wants to build what and where in the county borough?

Mrs Doreen Byrne - 43 Parkfields, Pen Y Fai, Bridgend - fell one ash and one sycamore and reduce canopy by 25-30 per cent of one sycamore.

Mr Peter Twinn - 15 Briary Way, Brackla, Bridgend - reduce height of ash tree.

Mr SC Parry - 24A Greenmeadow, Cefn Cribbwr - cut back hawthorn to height of other trees and cut back trees overhanging garden.  
Mr Len Fields - land south from Cwmdu Road south east of Halfway House, Maesteg - regularise provision of access track formed in recycled materials - affecting footpath 34

Maesteg.  
Mr L Tallon-Morris - Bayside Guest House, 70 Mackworth Road, Porthcawl - new dormers to front and rear, new rear extension adding one storey to existing first floor.

Mr Roy Jones - 82 High Street, Kenfig Hill - two-storey extension to dwelling with flat roof.

Mrs Alison Dando - 1 Heol yr Ysgol, Coity - install a wood burning stove.  
Ms Moira Cooper - Gelli'r Onn Farm, Pontycymer - convert existing cow shed currently attached to farmhouse to living accommodation.

Mr K Beynon - 53 John Street, Porthcawl - change

of use from charity shop to sue as café also selling hot food to take away.  
Mr and Mrs Hill - 20 Westward Place, Bridgend - conservatory to side.

Serendipity Care Homes - Bellwave House, 23 Mary Street, Porthcawl - change of use from guest house to care home.

Mr P Stark - Brynhaul, Heol y Cyw - demolish existing attached garage, erect single storey extension and renovations.

Mr Rees - 16 Austin Close, Porthcawl - storm porch to side elevation.

Dr P Smart - 45 Bryneglwys Gardens, Porthcawl - single storey ground floor extension with

a first floor bedroom extension and balcony.  
Mrs Suffin - 32 Great Western Avenue, Bridgend - porch to rear elevation.

Miss N Anstee - 46 Wimborne Road, Pencoeed - alterations to property including external works and two storey rear extension.

Mr D Morgan - 2 Kittiwake Close, Porthcawl - loft conversion and rear sun room extension.

Mr Murray - 40 Evans Street, Kenfig Hill - two two-storey extensions to both ends of property.

Mr J Mahoney - 10 Queen's Avenue, Porthcawl - single garage to rear of property.  
Mr R Lloyd - 24 Waunlon, Porthcawl - loft extension

with rear flat roof dormer - re-sub of refusal P/11/295/FUL.  
Acoulus Power Wind Energy - land south of Gelli Las Farm, Coytrahen, Bridgend - request for screening opinion for wind turbine site.

Mr B Lambert - Uwch y Felin, Llangynydd, Maesteg - change of use from granny flat to one bed holiday let.

Mr Martyn Popham - former Stormy Down Aerodrome, Stormy Down, Bridgend - use of area for drying shed and storage together with temporary storage in advance of erection of drying shed.  
Mr W Williams - land

between Canar Bach and Caner Mawr Farmhouse, Blackmill, Bridgend - repair and upgrading of track on common land.  
Cenin Limited - former Stormy Down Aerodrome, Bridgend - provision of one wind turbine on site of former water tower.  
Mr Robert Martin - 6 Bowington Arcade, Neath Road, Maesteg - change of use from shop to letting agents.

Mr John Rossini - 76 South Road, Porthcawl - demolish existing sunroom and replace with larger room, extension to garage to allow parking for four cars.  
AP Cymru Limited - 14-18 Queen Street, Bridgend -

change of use from A2 to D1 for training young people.

Mr Alan Hole - Unit 2, 49 Main Avenue, Brackla Industrial Estate, Bridgend - additional roller shutter door and change of use into MoT station.

Mrs Anita Davies - 26 Gwelfor, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend - two-storey extension to side and proposed crossover pavement to front driveway to front.  
Mr D Pugh - Farm shop building, Ty Talgarth, Nantymoel, Bridgend - change of use of farm (retail) shop to residential bungalow.



# Llandow village fete battles the elements, but the sun did make a late appearance!



ALTHOUGH lashed by wind and rain during its preparation, spirits remained high at Llandow fete.

Celebrity guest ITV1 Wales presenter and meteorologist Ruth Wignall opened the fete.

This year, the fete was supported by the police, who not only brought along a squad car for the children's enjoyment, but two mounted police officers, and police dogs and a handler.

It was an enjoyable way of getting across the importance of road safety to youngsters.

By late afternoon, the Hall Field had dried out and the children and adults were able to take part in novelty races.

A big thank you to everyone who supported this important fund raising occasion and made it a great fun day.



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# Local AM becomes the Leader of the Welsh Conservatives

by GEM STAFF

**ANDREW RT DAVIES, who farms in the Vale, has been named the new Leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the Assembly.**

Members' ballot papers were counted at the SWALEC Stadium in Cardiff and it was a close contest.

In cricketing terms, it was probably the equivalent of a two-wicket win, with Mr Davies gaining 53 per cent of the vote, and his rival, Nick Ramsay AM taking 47 per cent.

After the ballot, Mr Davies said: "It is a great honour to lead our party and I am thrilled to be the leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the Assembly."

"This has been a great contest for our party, bringing us together and providing a vehicle for us to debate and discuss ideas."

"Welsh Conservatives

are at our best when united, working together as a force for Wales. We have a great task and a great opportunity ahead."

Mr Davies said he wanted to lead a constructive opposition.

"Where there is consensus, we will work with the Welsh Government to best serve the interests of Wales. But where the government is reckless with the public purse, where they introduce legislation without due scrutiny, we will be there to make sure the voice of Wales is heard."

He thanked his opponent, saying: "As I'm sure Nick would agree, the contest has invigorated our members and I will continue to engage with them and with the wider electorate over the months and years to come."

"I'd also like to thank my family for their unwavering support, without which I would not be here today. So thank you."

"As someone who is proud to be Welsh, proud



Leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the Assembly, Andrew RT Davies AM.

to be British and proud to be a Welsh Conservative, it is with great pride and honour that I have become the Leader of the Welsh Conservatives."

Mr Davies's farming background means that he has taken an active interest in rural regeneration matters in the Vale.

"I was chair of Creative Rural Communities when it was set up in 2003-4 and the first grant aid and schemes were approved. The programme has proved to be very successful."

However, he stressed that his new role meant he had to speak on all

issues that affected people in their day to day lives.

"Politicians should not be pigeon-holed, and must speak on all areas that affect the community such as health matters, local government and the economy."

"I was born and brought up in the Vale of Glamorgan - it runs through my DNA - and I aim to champion causes that will benefit the people of the Vale and Wales."

The Prime Minister David Cameron said: "I want to congratulate Andrew on his election as the leader of our party in the Welsh Assembly."

"Under Labour, Wales has become the poorest part of the UK, its education system is failing a generation and now Labour are making cuts of £1 billion to the NHS."

"We must now offer a strong Conservative voice for Wales and I look forward to working closely with Andrew to deliver this and realise our strong ambitions for Wales."

## GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

# Should graves be county treasures?

**I AM writing in response to the letter that appeared in your July 14 edition from Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Vale Council.**

The Town Council is honoured that Captain Cecil Foster is buried in our Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, along with other notable Merchant Seamen, such as Captains Durant, Mordecai and Murrel, whose equally heroic actions also received formal recognition.

Captain Murrel was on board the *Trelawney* with Captain Cecil Foster when the vessel came under attack and was sunk.

I feel I should explain to your readers that the Town Council's planning committee was asked by the Vale Council for their views on the inclu-

sion of the chapel and drinking fountain at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery within the revised County Treasures List, as locally important buildings, along with the grave of Captain Cecil Foster.

The committee, which strives to consider all planning and related issues on their merits, and comprises representatives from all three political parties, was unanimous in responding that, although Barry Town Council wholeheartedly supported the inclusion of the chapel and drinking fountain within the revised unified list of historic built assets, it would object to the inclusion of the grave of Captain Foster on the grounds that:

(a) the town council does not own this particular built asset, this being the province of the owner of the Exclusive

Right of Burial attaching to Captain Foster's grave, and;

(b) because if one individual memorial is being put forward for inclusion within the unified list, then consideration should be given to many other notable memorials placed on other graves with the cemetery.

I consider that the grave and memorial to Captain Durrant would be a real county treasure were it to be included within the list, as he was the only recipient of the Naval Victoria Cross awarded to an army officer.

Moreover, the honour was, unusually, recommended by a German officer.

The Town Council's

planning committee feels that if Captain Foster's is to be included within the revised County Treasures List, then the deadline for comments on the draft addendum (the list of locally important buildings earmarked for the awarding of county treasure status) should be extended.

This will allow my council to supply the head of planning and transportation with several other examples of graves and memorials in Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery equally meritorious of the Vale Council's cabinet's consideration.

**Coun Keith Lewis (Chair, planning committee, Barry Town Council)**

## What is the value of county treasure?

**SO Rhoose councillor Gordon Kemp, leader of the ale of Glamorgan Council wants to create a county treasure of a grave in Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery (GEM letters, July 14).**

Back in the 1980s the

Vale Council declared White Farm to be a county treasure, but recently seven rural councillors voted to approve 177 dwellings on that land.

What value is a county treasure then? Mrs Angela Price (White Farm anti-development campaign)

## Iolo pupils earn green award



ABOVE: It is the pupils' second eco award.

**PUPILS at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg have just been told that they have received a second Eco award.**

Head teacher Dylan Evans said: "The children have worked extremely hard under the guidance of Mrs Sarah Tudur to win this prestigious award."

Mrs Tudur commented: "The eco committee are keen to learn about environmental and eco issues, and have undertaken their roles with enthusiasm."

"This year they have organised Fair-trade events, updated their development plan and looked at ways to reduce gas and electricity consumption."

"All these measures have had a direct impact on the whole school and made the children more aware on how best to care for the environment."

Mr Evans added: "This award is a wonderful recognition to all the children who have worked so hard throughout the year."

**ONCE again, we are assailed by a dose of 'Councilse' - where Mr Parish takes 500 words to tell us that most people cooperate with black bag collection but some do not, an enforcement team may visit frequent offenders who are potential criminals, that alternative waste disposal sites exist and that we should all play by the rules.**

Sledgehammers and nuts come to mind, but I offer the following, set to the tune of 'Hymns and Arias' (with apologies to Max Boyce)....

*With balaclava'd visages they creep out every night*

*To leave their bulging black bin bags - oh such an ugly sight.*

*It is a dark conspiracy dreamt up by Dai the Bin. Oh such a gang of criminals, so deeply dyed in sin...*

*But we are singing hymns and arias, Land of my Fathers, ar hyd y nos...*

*But is this just a fantasy dreamed up by council men?*

*The explanation's simpler - I asked my Auntie Gwen.*

*She doesn't know what day it is - and it's not inebriation;*

*Her memory's shot to pieces by her latest medication.*

*So she's singing hymns and arias...*

*So let's not talk of criminals who mess up every street*

*But send polite reminders to try to keep things neat.*

*You catch few flies with vinegar, for honey works the best;*

*If you don't want random rubbish bags then send a sweet request.*

*Then we'll be singing hymns and arias....*

*Let's have no tough enforcement teams with jack-boots, threats and stuff;*

*Our rubbish stands for two long weeks and that smells bad enough.*

*Our council tax goes higher while the services decrease -*

*As Mr Parish and his chums their wordy threats release*

*But we'll keep singing hymns and arias, Land of my Fathers, ar hyd y nos*

**From The Voice of Spitzkop (Name and address supplied)**

## Importance of returning Homes4U questionnaire

**THE Vale Council is to add clarification to its advertisements after a GEM reader pointed out that people might be confused about the precise involvement of Homes4U in council housing matters.**

The issue came to light when Homes4U issued a customer satisfaction questionnaire in late June which warned: "If you do not return the form to us by this time (ie. within four weeks) we will assume you no longer wish to be considered for rehousing."

The survey sought

information from people who wanted to be rehoused as to their opinions of how the Homes4U scheme was working.

A GEM reader pointed out that because the dominant logo on the questionnaire was Homes4U, people might think it was junk mail and bin it, not realising they could be taken off the Vale's housing list!

Mike Ingram, the operational manager for public housing services at the Vale Council, said: "The council routinely screens its applicant list and we have used this process for a number of years."

"The questionnaire is attached to a formal letter

from the partnership explaining the importance and process."

"This has not been an issue in previous years and we have had very few appeals against removal citing this reason."

Mr Ingram explained: "The Homes4U scheme is a partnership of social landlords administered through the council and the logo is designed to reflect this."

"However, I have suggested that we add a line or two of explanation to our normal fortnightly Homes4U advertisement."

The survey forms should be returned by the end of this month.

## Leekes' donation to Ty Hafan



Llantrisant store manager, Glyn Morgan, presents the cheque to Ty Hafan's corporate partnerships development coordinator, Stacey Brewster.

**A CHEQUE for more than £1,700 has been handed by the Leekes store to Ty Hafan, the family hospice for young lives.**

The charity was nominated by staff at the Llantrisant store and the majority of the money was raised through donations from customers visiting Leekes' Santa's grotto during the Christmas period and various other fundraising ventures.

Ty Hafan's corporate partnerships development coordinator, Stacey Brewster, collected the cheque from Leekes' Llantrisant store manager, Glyn Morgan, and

said: "This is a fantastic donation from Leekes and we'd like to say a huge thank you to all staff and customers at the Llantrisant store."

"In the last year, Ty Hafan has experienced a significant rise in the number of children and families being referred for care and support, which means our costs for providing our services has also increased."

"Ty Hafan relies almost entirely on public support of this kind, in order to continue offering its services, free of charge, to families across Wales. They desperately need the services and this £1,772 donation will help to make a big difference to their lives."





# BRIDES & GROOMS



## VALE CASTLE IS IN DEMAND AFTER INTERNET DANCE HIT

**WHO** would have thought that a video posted online by a pair of newly-weds would result in a Vale

wedding venue getting enquiries from around the world?

Yet, that is the surprising consequence of a wedding that took place at Fonmon Castle almost three years ago.

For that special occasion,

by PHILIP IRWIN

sion, the happy couple had spent weeks rehearsing the final dance scene from the film *Dirty Dancing*, and the video was posted online and became an internet sensation.

There has been a last-minute spin-off, as Sir Brooke Boothby of Fonmon Castle explained. He said: "That video is now approaching nine million hits, which is amazing."

"As Fonmon Castle was mentioned in the video, I am sure that must be one reason that we are holding weddings involving couples from around the world."

Although he emphasised that the majority of weddings at the venue involve Welsh and UK couples, this season's bookings are from Hong Kong, New Zealand and Japan, among others.

Clearly, the key thing

here is that word 'castle'. If it were 'Fonmon House' or 'Fonmon Court', it might not have quite the same cachet for a young couple.

Sir Brooke said: "In fact, here in south Wales, there are not that many venues that are castles. There are more in north Wales, and also in England, but we have definitely seen a benefit as a result."

He added that the internet video helped in attracting initial enquiries, but clinching the deal depended on the venue's reputation for reliability, helpfulness and flexibility.

In fact, Fonmon recently hosted a full Muslim wedding, where the traditions are very different, but the staff at the venue had coped with all the requirements in their stride.

It has also led to some unusual consequences.

For instance, Sir Brooke has had to put up a second flagpole!

He explained: "This came about when we hosted a Chinese wedding. They wanted to fly the Chinese flag, and it was explained to me that it would be considered a grave insult if that flag was positioned below the Welsh flag."

"The only solution was to put up a second flagpole!"

"Actually, this worked out quite well, because we recently hosted a wedding where Welsh rugby players were guests."

"The bride was English and the groom was Welsh, so we were able to fly both the Welsh Dragon and the Cross of St George."

He added that the Welsh rugby stars were a touch put out that the flag of the 'old enemy' was so prominent!

The attraction of the castle brand to foreign visitors means there is

an economic spin-off elsewhere in the Vale, because the influx of wedding guests all need to find places to stay at hotels in the Vale.

It could be argued that the *Dirty Dancing* video must have had its day by now. However, the internet is such that as one door closes, another one opens.

Think of getting married in a castle and what comes to mind?

It has to be the woman dubbed the 'wicked step-mother' by the tabloids.

Carolyn Bourne was the woman who e-mailed her prospective step-daughter, detailing what she believed to be her shortcomings.

When that e-mail was forwarded on, it soon 'went viral' and there can be few people who haven't read what she had to say.

What were her views on choosing a wedding venue?

It was short and succinct, and went like this: "No one gets married in a castle unless they own it."

Phew, that would cut the number of eligible couples quite considerably!

Still, one suspects that this is an example of that old adage: *There's no such thing as bad publicity!*

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**February** – When February birds do mate, you wed nor dread your fate.

**March** – If you wed when March winds blow, joy and sorrow both you'll know.

**April** – Marry in April if you can, joy for maid-en and for man.

**May** – Marry in the month of May, you will romance the day.

**June** – Marry when June roses grow and over land and sea you'll go.

**July** – Those who in July do wed must labour for their daily bread.

**August** – Whoever wed in August be, many a change is sure to see.

**September** – Marry in September's shine so that your life is rich and fine.

**October** – If in October you do marry, love will come but riches tarry.

**November** – If you wed in bleak November, only joys will come, remember!

**December** – When December's snows fall fast, marry and your love will last.

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# PETERSTON PUPILS DESIGN A LOGO FOR THE VILLAGE'S ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



**PUPILS** at Peterston-super-Ely Primary School helped their local environment group by taking part in a competition to design a logo.

The four winning entries received their prizes at a short ceremony in a morning assembly earlier this month.



**Iestyn Morris.**

## Eisteddfod fundraiser in Peterston-super-Ely are raising funds to support the 2012 Eisteddfod in the Vale.

A musical evening recently took place at the Sportsman's Rest and a packed house enjoyed dinner and folk songs and arias by Iestyn Morris, accompanied by James Bull.

The night raised £700.



**James Bull.**

## Adders in local field spell real danger – says dog lover

**REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN**

**A PET lover has issued an urgent warning to people in the Vale to beware of snakes in a local field, after his dog was bitten and suffered days of pain.**

Michael Dowdall, of Fontygary Road told The GEM that he likes to give his dogs Molly and Suzy a run in the field next to Fontygary Caravan Park, which people are drawn to because of the magnificent views across the Bristol Channel.

But on July 13, Molly was the victim of a snake attack.

Michael explained: "On the Wednesday morning I came through the field with the two dogs and reached the path.

"Suddenly Molly started struggling and her right back leg became paralysed."

Michael and the two dogs managed to get home, but he was aware that something serious had happened.

"An examination of her belly and groin area showed redness and swelling."

He took Molly, a 14 month old cocker spaniel, to Pethertons, the vets in Barry.

"She was distressed and in pain, breathing quickly and crying a lot."

A treatment programme of fluids through the body, steroids, and anti-biotics was prescribed.

No vet in Cardiff had anti-venom, and it was deemed unsafe to take Molly to Swansea where the treatment was available due to her perilous condition.

She was looked after overnight at Valley Vets in Merthyr Road, Whitchurch, and put on an intravenous drip.

"They shaved her leg and discovered two fangs marks – earlier only one had been found."

Gwynneth, Michael's wife, feared the worst. "She fought and



**Michael with his dog Molly, who suffered days of pain after being bitten by an adder in fields at Rhosse.**

fought for her life. Her foot swelled up to twice its normal size."

But Molly battled through and although on Friday she was still bleeding due to the puncture marks, there were signs of an improvement.

Michael pointed out that although there were signs warning of snakes on coalboard land near Aberthaw Power Station, there were no signs in the fields next to the caravan park.

Michael said: "This is a well known dog walking area and I want people to be aware of the dangers."

"I saw a chap with two children in the field. Obviously he was oblivious to the risks."

"I won't be going there in the summer anymore. In the winter it should be safe because the adders will be hibernating."

"They tend to come out when it's warm because they get energy from the sun."

"At the very least I'd

tell people to stay to the paths worn in the field.

"Our neighbour has since told us that the previous owner of our house had a dog that was bitten and died by the time it had made it back to the bridge."

Michael wonders whether the adder that struck out at Molly had become agitated because the fields had been cut the previous day.

So far the treatment for Molly has cost £800, but Michael and Gwynneth are huge dog lovers and were more than happy to pay the costs. In due course, they should be able to recoup the outlay because of an insurance policy they took out a number of years ago.

Molly has how recovered to the point where she is able to play tentatively with Suzy, her West Highland terrier companion, although she tends to hop around on three legs rather than run around on four!



# Llangan Primary School marks centenary as pupils perform for families and guests

LLANGAN PRIMARY SCHOOL celebrated its centenary with a special singing performance by the pupils for their parents and the invited guests on July 13.

As can be seen from the pictures, the pupils also demonstrated their dexterity on the harp.

The special guest for the day was the Vale's Assembly Member Jane Hutt. Both she and the headteacher Mrs Mary Noyes were able to highlight the importance the school has been to the Vale community over the last 100 years.

In a brief ceremony, Jane Hutt AM opened the centenary garden and fountain.



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## Guided tour for the 41 Club

**THE Vale of Glamorgan 41 Club visited British Airways Maintenance recently and were given a two-hour guided tour.**

A club spokesman said: "During our visit, we were shown how BA fleet maintenance is carried out to the highest of standards. While we were there, another aircraft arrived and was positioned ready for its initial wash before entering the large maintenance hangar."

"Inside the hangar, were two further aircraft in various stages of checking. Seats were being removed for upgrading, undercarriages being checked, engines checked and so much more to see, that we were almost overwhelmed by the information given by our two excellent guides."

"We were also impressed by the team spirit among the staff and the cleanliness for what is a major engineering business to be proud of here in the Vale."





## 'Karen's Cause' gets off to a flying start at Barry Rugby Club!



ABOVE: 'Karen's Cause' supporters sold out Barry Rugby Club earlier this month and raised a total of £1,170.

LOCAL fundraising efforts to enable a young Barry mum to have a revolutionary new cancer treatment had a major boost at Barry Rugby Club on July 8.

Three weeks ago, Karen Holroyd, aged 31, told The GEM how she hoped to have 'cyberknife' treatment as a means of combating cervical cancer.

The treatment does not come free on the NHS and costs £22,000.

Backed by her consultant who believes she should be considered for 'cyberknife', Karen and her friends have planned a number of fundraising events.

She explained: "The first time I was diagnosed (in 2010) I did not cope well, because of all the upset and uncertainty.

"This time, the fundraising and 'cyberknife' have helped me deal with it and given me hope."

So how did the event at the rugby club go?

Karen said: "Thanks to the local community, it was a complete success and we raised £1,170.

"We have also organised a 'Wild West Night' on August 27 at 7pm at the Buccaneer."

Anyone wanting to help 'Karen's Cause' should call 07703 778 419; or email karen-cause@hotmail.co.uk; or go to www.karen-cause.co.uk.



## Legion attends civic service

PICTURED are members of Barry branch of the Royal British Legion who attended the civic service held at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Barry for Coun Bronwen Brooks, the Mayor of Barry. The service took place on Sunday, July 17. A civic reception was held in Barry Memorial Hall and the Royal British Legion members are pictured at the Memorial Hall, Cenotaph, Barry.

## Cadstock hopes for a good time

CADSTOCK, the musical party, is returning to the bandstand at Victoria Park in Cadoston this weekend, July 23-24.

Admission is free and the event will run from 1pm to 5.30pm over the two days.

The line-up for Saturday starts with local rock and blues band Padded Cell and DJ Owen will keep the music flowing between the sets.

Blues Central, are up next with a mix of traditional and modern blues.

Then crowd favourites, Shooting the Moon are on, playing some rock classics and some of their own new material.

Finally, headline band Freeway return to rock the park and finish off Saturday in rocking style.

Sunday will see a more mellow start with local folk singer Davy Cartwright, who has been getting quite a bit of airplay in the USA with his recently released album.

He will perform with his 'partner in folk' Rum

Daisy. Following that are The Deadbeats, an up and coming local duo who have been likened to the White Stripes and are building up a big local following.

There's a tribute to classic soul legends from BK the Soul Man, and to conclude, the Reservoir Cats.

A spokesman for the festival emphasised: "Cadstock is not just about the music though, as there will also be bouncy castles, a coconut shy and other stalls to have a go at.

"There are delicious homemade cakes for sale, as well as all the usual refreshments.

Park manager Jon Greatrex added: "I cannot wait for this year's Cadstock, it's bigger and better than last year and I hope people will come and have a fantastic time in Victoria Park.

"This has got to be one of the nicest venues for outdoor concerts in the Vale. It is a real pleasure to be involved with Cadstock again and I hope everyone has a rockin good time."

## Supermarket gives a boost to charity for children



Ian Hunt, managing director of Filco Supermarkets (right) with Sebastian Morgan-Clare of Tros Gynnal.

FILCO supermarkets have been praised for successfully reaching the £40,000 mark in a fundraising partnership with a Welsh children's charity.

Tros Gynnal Plant, which supports vulnerable children and young people throughout Wales, says that the supermarket staff's fundraising campaign, launched in August last year, has already made a real difference to the lives of many children in Wales.

Roger Bishop, executive director of Tros Gynnal Plant, said: "We thank the staff and management of Filco Supermarkets for their tireless and dedicated work with our fundraising team over the past nine months, in raising this magnificent sum for our work.

"Filco's efforts help to fund advocates and independent visitors who work with children and young people in the care system who often have no contact with their birth families, bringing them the vital support they need to meet life's many challenges."

Fundraising events organised by Filco branches include a Las Vegas Night, quizzes, a barbecue at the Cowbridge Food Festival, and last month a Michael Jackson Thriller tribute event.

More than 60 staff ran in the Cardiff half-marathon for Tros Gynnal and to raise awareness, appeared in 'Chariots of Filco' a video tribute to the Oscar-winning film Chariots of Fire, which this year commemorates 30 years since release.

Staff members also competed in the 'Three Marvellous Welsh Mountains Challenge' in May this year and suppliers and local contractors supported Nathan Walmsley, Filco's sales manager who ran for Tros Gynnal in the London Marathon.

Ian Hunt, managing director of Filco Supermarkets, said: "This fundraising success is a testament to the dedication of our staff in going that extra mile and working hard to support this vital Welsh charity."

"In addition to the tremendous fundraising programme, each and every month 170 of our staff contribute to Tros Gynnal through payroll giving, and our North Cornelly store runs a weekly raffle, so this is full-on support."

"We believe in playing a lead role in supporting the local communities where we are based and it is pleasing to see our fundraising efforts having a positive impact on the lives of vulnerable children across our region."

## Journeys theme of artists' exhibition

RIGHT: Jane Hutt, Ceri Thomas, Heather Eastes and Ken Elias at the Pierhead building exhibition.



ARTIST and art historian Ceri Thomas has completed portraits of Barry composer, Grace Williams,

athlete, Colin Jackson and introduced the Heritage Coast artist, Joan Baker, to Vale residents.

Jane Hutt AM, who has admired his work for many years, said she was especially pleased to host the 'Three Artists' exhibition at the Pierhead and Senedd

last week. The Cardiff Bay exhibition features Ceri's work alongside Ken Elias and Heather Eastes from the Welsh Group of artists.

The exhibition which is based on the theme of 'journeys' is displayed at the Pierhead Building and in the Oriel of the Senedd and the opening reception was attended by Assembly Members, fellow artists and friends.

Ms Hutt commented: "With thoughtful self portraits, Ceri Thomas has taken us on a journey alongside mid and west Wales artists, Heather Eastes and Ken Elias, with their work displayed in the Senedd and Pierhead Building.

"Their inspiring work provided the opportunity for visitors and Assembly Members to pause to reflect alongside the lively political events of last week."

## Barry tourist railway has a special visitor



Left to right: John Buxton, Michael Portillo and Brian Mills (permanent way advisor to the Barry Rail Centre).

BARRY Tourist Railway this week welcomed former UK cabinet minister and now television presenter, Michael Portillo, to the railway at the start of its summer schedule that will see trains running at the tourist railway every weekend of the school holidays.

John Buxton, chairman of the Cambrian Group that now operates the Barry Rail Centre, said:

"We were delighted to welcome Michael Portillo to Barry and to the Barry Tourist Railway.

"Michael is currently filming a new series of his BBC television programme Great British Railway Journeys, and filming was done in Barry that will feature in the third series of the highly-popular programme."



# Llantwit Major dare-devils take on challenge of Newport Transporter Bridge zip wire glide

On July 10, people from Llantwit Major were among a group of adrenaline junkies who took on The Stroke Association's Zip Wire Challenge at Newport Transporter Bridge.

Twenty four brave people in total launched themselves onto the wire from a height of 320 metres!

Local businesses supported this charity event, with members of 4Networking and employees at MCC Communications and Rank Hovis taking on the 'zip glide'.

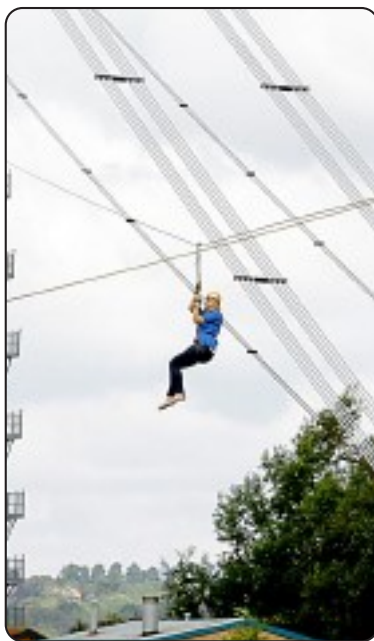
The Stroke Association aimed to raise £2,000 from the event.

Seren Evans, fundraising assistant at The Stroke Association in Wales, took on the challenge herself.

She said: "The zip glide took place on a beautiful sunny day, and the event was a great success. The atmosphere was amazing, and we would like to thank everyone who took part and gave us their support."

For more information about fundraising for The Stroke Association in Wales or to make a donation, please contact Seren Evans on 029 2052 4417 or [seren.evans@stroke.org.uk](mailto:seren.evans@stroke.org.uk). Alternatively, visit [www.stroke.org.uk/fundraising](http://www.stroke.org.uk/fundraising).

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## MP'S SURGERY IN A LLANTWIT SCHOOL



ALUN CAIRNS, MP for the Vale, held an advice surgery at Eagleswell primary school, Llantwit Major, last week.

He had earlier met pupils and staff to tour the school facilities and find out about the school's recent successes.

This was a first advice session in Llantwit Major for the local MP, who holds surgeries across the Vale every month – usually in community and church hall venues.

Mr Cairns explained: "To be able to hold surgeries out and

about around the Vale is really important to me, as I want to make it as easy and accessible as possible for all residents and businesses in the Vale to raise any issues they may have with me in person."

## 'She's one of us' – Eileen's special RAF welcome!



ABOVE: 'An impromptu inspection!'  
RIGHT: Birthday gifts are exchanged.

LOCAL author, Mrs Eileen Younghusband, celebrated the publication of her latest book *One Woman's War*, by accepting an invitation to visit No 4 School of Technical Training, where she enjoyed a joint celebration with the Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Lyndon Jones, who was also celebrating his birthday on the same day.

Wg Cdr Jones was on annual leave, but was persuaded to come and meet Mrs Younghusband, unaware that there were plans afoot to ensure both parties would have a birthday to remember.

Mrs Younghusband was met at the gate by Wg Cdr Jones before being escorted to their waiting transport 'Queenie' – an open topped Landrover once used by the Queen when she toured Berlin.

They were driven in ceremonial style to Harlech Flight, where colleagues, family, and friends were waiting for them. On arrival, they

were met by Royal Air Force Officers from No 4 SotT.

As they lined the path to the building, Mrs Younghusband was introduced to each of them and it was clear that she was enjoying her impromptu 'inspection of the troops'.

She was particularly keen to meet Flight Lieutenant Maxine Antoniou, with whom she bonded immediately on hearing that she had a background as an Air Traffic Controller, and she was heard to say "How lovely, you're one of us".

The morning continued with the presentation of birthday cakes and Mrs Younghusband had brought Wg Cdr Jones a copy of her new book as a gift for his birthday. Wg Cdr Jones also had a gift for Mrs Younghusband to mark her 90th birthday and, after making the enquiry "Can I open it now?" a thrilled Mrs Younghusband opened the wrapped box which revealed a specially minted coin commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force.

Over cups of tea and, of course, slices of cake, Mrs Younghusband shared some of her expe-



periences of what life was like for her as a 19-year-old WAAF during World War Two and why, at 90 years young, she had written her latest book.

She told them: "It's not that I did anything special. I just happen to still remember and am still able to talk. I just want the work of the filter room to be recognised."

"It seldom gets a mention and the people working there were predominantly women and I have written the book, while I can, to ensure that their work is not forgotten."

During her time working in the filter rooms, Mrs Younghusband worked alongside some well known faces of the day including, Zoe John, daughter of Welsh painter Augustus John, and actor Rex Harrison, who was an air raid officer in Bath.

She was also on shift when the plane carrying Prime Minister Winston Churchill returned from the USA following

Churchill's meeting with President Roosevelt, and the pilot had forgotten to activate the signal to indicate that they were friendly aircraft.

Remembering the event, she said: "Sensing something was up, but it was unlikely to be enemy aircraft, I plotted the plane as unknown just as the pilot remembered to switch on the signal that identified them."

It was an example of how the filter room information could mean life or death to aircraft in the sky over war time Britain.

Wg Cdr Jones concluded: "Eileen is a truly remarkable woman, an inspiration of everyone she meets."

"She has a gift in being able to not only recount events with such clarity but also has the ability to engage with every generation, at every level, to ensure that people understand the behind the scenes work of the filter room personnel."



# Peterston pupils enjoy an old fashioned sports day – *but with more than a few modern touches!*

WHEN Peterston-super-Ely Primary School held its sports day, there were the traditional events such as sack races and the ever-popular egg and spoon.

However, there were some modern events too, including a rugby relay race, and a space hopper sprint!



**PHOTOGRAPHS  
by IAN DIXON**





# WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE?

Evan Williams – **Aberogwrn Farm, Llancarfan** – staff accommodation and horse owners' reception building.  
Mr and Mrs Christopher Smith – **23 Stacey Road, Dinas Powys** – two storey extension to rear and garage rebuilt to form music room.  
Mr Duncan Barber – **Llandough House, Llancarfan** – alterations/extension to existing house.  
Mrs Nasreen Pearce – **5 Button Ride, St Nicholas** – demolish existing uPVC conservatory and build new single storey family room extension.  
Mr Evan Williams – **Aberogwrn Farm, Llancarfan** – location of three portable staff caravans at rear of existing shed at the farm.  
Westbourne School – **GM2 House, Plymouth Road, Penarth** – change of use from office (Class B1) to student accommodation/student boarding house (Class C1).  
Coffee#1 – **13 Windsor Road, Penarth** – change of use from retail (Class A1) to mixed use A1/A3 coffee shop.  
Herbert R Thomas – **Upper House Farm, East Aberthaw** – conversion of redundant agricultural stone barn and associated former pig sties to a single residential dwelling.  
1st Dinas Powys Scout Group – **1st Dinas Powys Scout Group, 9 Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys** – proposed replacement of building to rear of Scout Hall.  
Mrs Selina Withey – **15 Albert Crescent, Penarth** –

canopy to side elevation of property.  
Mrs Sue Kelly – **8 Breaksea Close, Sully** – rear dormer.  
Tesco Stores Limited – **The Castle Oak public house, The Parade, Dinas Powys** – installation of three air conditioning units and one condenser unit.  
Tesco Stores Limited – **The Castle Oak public house, The Parade, Dinas Powys** – various signs.  
Mr Peter Treadwell – **18A Park Road, Barry** – replace existing conservatory with new orangery construction. Footprint to remain.  
Mr James – **47 Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys** – lean to conservatory to rear of dwelling.  
Mr Simon Rogers – **28 Ael y Coed, Barry** – alteration to door/window position of ground floor rear extension (approval 2011/00178/FUL).  
Mr Evans – **6 Cliff Wood View, Barry** – conservatory to rear elevation.  
Mr and Mrs Bowen – **Penmark Farm Cottage, Penmark** – single storey conservatory.  
Mr David Thurlbeck – **25 Tyle House Close, Llanmaes** – conversion of existing garage and construction of new garage to side elevation.  
Mr John Stephenson – **7 John Street, Penarth** – new dormer to rear of existing dwelling to utilise loft space.  
Mr Tim McIlveen – **Fontygary Leisure Park, Rhooose** – retrospective consent to erect two directional signs.  
Mrs Masters – **48 Brean Close, Sully** – double-hipped

style conservatory to rear of dwelling.  
Mr Nigel Burbage – **Upalong, Penyturpik Road, Dinas Powys** – log cabin.  
Mr Graham Matthews – **1 Elfed Avenue, Penarth** – single storey extension to rear and detached garage to rear.  
Mr Murphy – **Redwood House, Well Lane, St Nicholas** – to fell one Cedrus Atlantica and one Leylandii.  
United World Cottage of the Atlantic – **St Donat's Castle, St Donats, Llantwit Major** – installation of a two storey modular building to be used as dormitory accommodation during rebuilding works, for a limited period of two years.  
Mr and Mrs Philip Lougher – **land to the south of B4265 and south west of Seaview** – construction of replacement farmhouse, construction of replacement and new farm buildings, and construction of tourist accommodation in lieu of previously authorised conversions.  
Mr Justin Evans – **Ty Draw Barn, St Andrews Major** – barn conversion and extension to form a residential dwelling.  
Mr Ian Cummins – **5 Tan y Fron, Barry** – single storey extension to the rear of the property.  
Mr Christian Pedersen – **Unit 42, Vale Business Park, Cowbridge** – vehicular entrance and gate across the verge at the northern boundary of Unit 42 from unnamed road connecting to the B4270.  
Mr Alistair Dalton – **Hillcrest, Penylan Road, St**

**Brides Major** – demolish existing dormer bungalow and construct new dormer bungalow.  
Mr Vivian Price – **Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan** – erection of new agricultural building to be used for hay, straw and machinery storage.  
Mr Allen Brown – **Argae House, St Andrews Major, Dinas Powys** – replacement of 12 stables individually located with 12 stables within a single building.  
Mr GL Emanuel – **The Grange, 19 Baroness Place, Penarth** – proposed integral garage conversion.  
Ms Lesley Taylor – **Barn B, Doghill Farm, Dyffryn** – retention of photovoltaic solar panels.  
Mr David Thomas – **Maendy Isaf House, Trehyngyll Road, Maendy** – single storey extensions to both sides and rear of a detached farm house providing ground floor accommodation and facilities for a disabled person.  
Mr Simmons – **4 Birch Lane, Penarth** – replacement of flat roof to existing rear single storey extension with new pitched roof.  
Mr TW Dyke – **86 Cosmeston Drive, Lavernock, Penarth** – new conservatory extension to rear of property.  
Mrs Davies – **28 Colcot Road, Barry** – new single storey side extension.  
Ann Nicola David – **20 High Street, Cowbridge** – demolition of existing toilet block annexe. Construction of two storey extension to rear and alterations to existing listed building. Change of use to

A2 (restaurant) use at ground floor and A2 (financial and professional) use at first floor (as defined within the Town and Country Planning (Use classes) Order 1987 (as amended).  
Mr Richard Thomas – **89 South Road, Sully** – demolition of existing bungalow. Erection of new dwelling.  
Mrs Sam Williams – **Bonvillston Cottage, Bonvillston** – to completely re-roof the building, including the front and rear verandas and front lead roofs to the porch. The renewal of the existing roof window with a conservation rooflight and also the replacement of the existing plastic rainwater goods with cast iron.  
Mr John Rees – **Springdale, West Street, Llantwit Major** – detached double garage.  
Mr Kenneth Coombes – **16 Great Thomas Close, Rhooose** – single storey extension to side/front of dwelling, special needs unit for the disabled – bedroom, shower/WC and associated works.  
Ms L Seal – **91 Lavernock Road, Penarth** – proposed single storey rear extension.  
Mr Marc Stafford – **8 Marine Drive, Barry** – front porch with balcony over.  
Mr Ray Clark – **5 Seaview Place, Llantwit Major** – rear single storey extension, conservatory and detached double garage.  
Mr J Higham – **playing fields at the rear of No 26 The Verlands, Cowbridge** – 30 per cent reduction of sycamore/Norway maple.  
Mr Duncan – **4 White**

**House, Barry** – remove section down to ground level on pine tree.  
PUKKA Productions – **37 Main Street, Barry** – change of use required from retail A1 to D1 class. Building was previously used as a motor factors, we plan to use it as a theatre and dance school.  
Hawkins Investment Properties – **The Furniture Warehouse, Broad Street, Barry** – to apply for retrospective planning consent for roofing to service yard (infill to existing block wall and existing shop/premises) and demolition of roller shutter doors.  
Tesco Stores Limited – **The Castle Oak Public House, The Parade, Dinas Powys** – installation of ATM.  
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Harris Pye UK Ltd – **Units 5 and 6, Sutton Road, Llandough** – change of use from last use for storage and distribution (Class B8) to general industrial engineering (Class B2) with ancillary offices.  
Mrs Dawn Richardson – **12 York Place, Barry** – change of use from offices to beauty salon. Treatments include prescription/medical treatments; medical/dietician/chiropody/physiotherapy consultations.  
Mr Andrew Marytsch – **4 St Baruch Close, Dinas Powys** – single storey rear extension.  
Mr John Pellew – **5 Hill,**

**Llandough, Penarth** – construction of a concrete double garage in the site of an existing single garage.  
Mr Ian McPherson – **Bel Air, 59 Craig Yr Eos Road, Ogmore By Sea** – extension and alteration of the single storey bungalow to create two bedrooms in the roof space – resubmission of withdrawn application 2011/00289/FUL.  
Mr Sam Beach – **Maescrofta Stables, adjacent to Ty Maen Farm, Ystradowen** – horse menage.  
Mr Atherton – **37 Catkin Drive, Penarth** – erection of pre-cast concrete garage within curtilage of boundaries.  
Calon Lodge Limited – **Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol** – proposed single storey events complex comprising two linked buildings on site of existing poolhouse, with association vehicle turning space and associated works. Also proposed is an additional car park area (approximately 80 spaces).  
Mr Phillip Finlay – **former Wesley Court Centre, Station Road, Dinas Powys** – replacement of former village hall building with gated residential mews development comprising six four-bed semi-detached; two/three storey houses and two two-bed apartments in a single two storey building, all with private car parking and amenity space.

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Civic Offices Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU or

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**AMROTH COURT, BARRY**

**H4U Reference 200454**  
**Suitable for a family**

- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

**Rent £92.17 per week**  
including water charges

**ARTHUR DAVIS COURT, BARRY (2)**

**H4U Reference 1039867**  
**Suitable for a single person over 55 - no pets**

- 2x Studio apartments
- First and ground floors
- No lift
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Parking and warden on site
- Communal entrance

**Rent £93.73 per week**  
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**H4U Reference 1072759**  
**Suitable for a family**

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- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

**Rent £81.16 per week**  
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- Double glazing
- Gardens

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**Suitable for a family**

- Two-bedroom house
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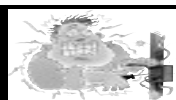
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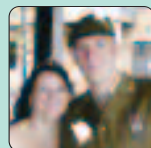
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# GEM Family Notices

## Wedding Notices

**Dawn (Dance) & Wyn (Howells)**  
Congratulations on your forthcoming wedding  
*August 2nd, 2011 in Las Vegas*  
Good luck, love Mum, Claire, Rhys and from Paul and all the Hills family. XXX

**EVELYN (née Sargent) & ANTONY WEST**  
Congratulations on your  
**Wedding**  
*16th July 2011*  
Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Rob, Cam & Kian.  
x x x



## Family Notices

**ROSEMARY**  
Guy



Late landlady of the Farmers Arms sadly passed away on Wednesday 13th July after a long battle with cancer. She will be missed by her family and friends.  
Her daughter Lisa and son David and their six children would like to invite all that knew Rose to the Bridgend Crematorium at 14.15 on Monday 25th July followed by the wake at the Farmers Arms, St Brides Major. Rose's family would prefer a donation to the Velindre Hospitals appeals office, Whitchurch, Cardiff, rather than sending flowers.

## Birthdays

**ROGER IRVING**  
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**50th Birthday**  
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Love from Jan, family and all your friends x x x



## Anniversaries

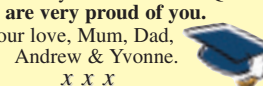
**Arthur & Elizabeth Williams**  
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## Congratulations

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x x x



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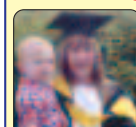
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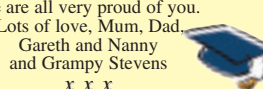
## Annie McQuiston

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**EASTON Elizabeth (Betty)**  
Wife of the late Ivor, mother of Helen, Sue and Simon and grandmother, passed away on 14th July. Betty will be sadly missed by family and friends.  
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# FOOTBALL FESTIVAL IS A HUGE SUCCESS



**LEFT AND BELOW:**  
*The third annual Dinas Powys football festival was a huge success with many teams taking part, as can be seen from these pictures.*

Six Bells.



Porthkerry Panthers.



Dinas Powys.



DINAS POWYS football club held its third mini-football festival recently at St Richard Gwyn school.

The weather was shocking but the rain moved away to allow more than 140 children to show off their football skills.

This year's festival was open to year-2 and year-3 players from all over south Wales.

Teams who took part were Dinas Wolves, Dinas Lions, Sebastopol FC, Six

Bells, Porthkerry Panthers, Sully Scorpions, Future Windows FC, Rhiwbina and Penyarden.

The level of football on display is credit to all the coaches from the teams who give up so much time to ensure the players play the game the correct way.

Dinas Powys FC has made great efforts throughout all their age groups to build bonds with fellow clubs and this again was very evident on Saturday as all the coaches looked to organise friendlies for the coming months.

Setting up all the stalls and inflata-

bles inside the barn allowed people the opportunity to get out of the wind, and a big thanks has to go out to all the people who worked so hard behind the scenes on the day.

Dinas Powys FC would like to thank Chris Bowsher and Kevin Shaw, both Welsh League referees, who officiated the matches in full kit.

It was a treat that all the players and coaches really appreciated and gave the players a taste of things to come.

JC

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### Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/  
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Proposal/Cynnig: Replacement of former village hall building with gated residential mews development comprising six 4 bed semi detached 2/3 storey houses and two 2 bed apartments in a single 2 storey building, all with private car parking and amenity space  
Location:/Leoliad: Dinas Powys  
Conservation Area:/  
Ardal Gadwraeth: Dinas Powys

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00691/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of a roof terrace  
Location:/Leoliad: Flat 1, 7, Royal Buildings, Penarth  
Conservation Area:/  
Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

### Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00692/CAC  
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolish precast concrete building with asbestos cement roof to facilitate erection of replacement building located to the rear of main Scout hall  
Location:/Leoliad: Scout Hall, 9, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys  
Conservation Area:/  
Ardal Gadwraeth: Dinas Powys

### Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhedredig

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00605/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnig: Insert two steel beams in roof space to prevent further deflection of roof structure  
Location:/Leoliad: The Three Tuns, St. Nicholas  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhedredig: Grade II

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00655/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolition of existing rear toilet block and construction of two storey rear extension to form ground floor restaurant (A3) and first floor office (A2)  
Location:/Leoliad: 20, High Street, Cowbridge  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhedredig: Grade II

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00661/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnig: To completely re-roof the building, including the front and rear verandas and front lead roofs to the porch. The renewal of the existing roof window with a conservation rooflight and also the replacement of the existing plastic rainwater goods with cast iron  
Location:/Leoliad: Bonvilston Cottage, Bonvilston  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhedredig: Grade II

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00681/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnig: Replacement windows to ground floor front elevations, internal alterations and removal of timber framed building to rear garden  
Location:/Leoliad: 79, Eastgate, Cowbridge  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhedredig: Grade II

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00684/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnig: Removal of damaged stone slab to front porch roof and replacement with new pitched roof. Replacement of lightweight timber front door with hardwood door containing glazed infill panels  
Location:/Leoliad: Church Farmhouse, Monkash, Nr. Cowbridge  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhedredig: Grade II

### Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhedredig

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00590/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Retention of extract flue and air inlet to kitchen. Retention of boiler flue  
Location:/Leoliad: Springbank Nursing Home, College Road, Barry  
Listed Building:/  
Adeilad Rhedredig: Affecting Springbank Nursing Home, Grade II

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Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00644/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of replacement farmhouse, construction of replacement and new farm buildings, and construction of tourist accommodation in lieu of previously authorised conversions  
Location:/Leoliad: Land to the south of B4265 and south west of Seaview, St. Athan

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00680/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed single storey events complex comprising two linked buildings on site of existing poolhouse, with associated vehicle turning space and associated works. Also proposed is an additional car park area (approximately 80 spaces).  
Location:/Leoliad: Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol

### May affect a Public Right of Way / Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00645/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Barn conversion and extension to form a residential dwelling  
Location:/Leoliad: Ty Draw Barn, St. Andrews Major

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Application No:/  
Rhif y cais: 2011/00644/FUL  
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# BRYN HAFREN SPORTS DAY FEATURES ATHLETES AND THREE LEGGED TEAMS!

BRYN HAFREN Comprehensive School held its annual sports day on June 29.

Both pupils and teachers took part with the three-legged race (see pictures at the foot of the page) which tested the competitors' coordination to the full.

As you can see from Ian Dixon's photographs, whether the pupils were throwing, running or jumping, they had a great time!

## PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON





## St Iltyd' s are this year's school bowls champs!

ON July 12, Llantwit Bowls Club held its 17th schools' bowls final, involving St Iltyd's, Eagleswell and Llaniltud Fawr primary schools.

Children from the three schools had been coached by the club for the past six weeks. This involved 130 children.

The coaches then selected eight girls and eight boys from each school for the finals.

The games were very competitive and in two of the matches, only one shot separated the two teams.

Eagleswell did well to win one of the matches considering the school had only 30 children to pick a team from.

In fact, one boy Luke Pilcher, delayed his holidays to play.

Llaniltud Fawr played well against St Iltyds, beating them by one shot with the Llaniltud girls playing particularly well.

St Iltyds won the shield for the second year running with a great win against Eagleswell, with the boys' rinks tipping the balance.

**Results:** St Iltyds 38, Eagleswell 10; Llaniltud Fawr 20, St Iltyds 19; Eagleswell 21, Llaniltud Fawr 20.

Total shots scored: St Iltyds 57, Llaniltud Fawr 40, Eagleswell 31.

Many thanks to coaches and helpers for all their help over the six weeks - Mike Adams, Mick Aplin, John Ball, Val Baez, Neville Young, Etta Gray, Richie Gray, Norman Scouse, Doug Oatley, Richard George, Ambrose and Margaret Horgan.

JY



## VALE REDS' FIRST END OF YEAR PRESENTATION DAY

The under-16 team.



Ethan Prosser.



ABOVE: The over-16 team with their medals.

**THE Vale Reds disability football team held their end of year presentation on July 17 at Barry Rugby Club.**

The rain held off in the afternoon as the event started with two football matches. The first game was the over-16 team against the coaches and players' families.

It was a hard fought game with only one goal in it at half-time.

In the second half, both teams battled well with the coaches and family members taking the victory 4-0.

The second game, against the under-16 team, saw them take the lead just before half-time with a strike from Ethan Prosser.

Again, the second half became a bit of a battle and the coaches managed to turn it around and win 4-1.

Following the football matches, a presentation was held. Medals were handed out to all the players for attending and supporting the club.

Thanks were given to everyone who attended and supported the club and awards were given to five of the players, as they had been selected to



The Welsh triallists.

attend a trial for the Welsh disability football team.

The five were Mike Netherway, Mark Eveleigh, Michael Farrall, Mathew Prewett and Nicholas Latham, with Mark and Mike being selected to go forward.

Further presentations were made for the hardest working player in the under-16 and over-16 teams. These went to Ewan Heppenstall and Lewis Overton respectively.

The main award, players' player, went to under-16 Ethan Prosser and over-16 Nicholas Latham.



ABOVE: Nicholas Latham receives his award.

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make this presentation a success, with a big thank you also like to thank everyone who has supported them this year. They would

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# Rhose retain Welsh Masters Championship in west Wales



ABOVE: 'We are the champions' say Rhose Lifeguards.

**A TEAM of 18 men and women from Rhose Lifeguard Club took part in the Welsh Masters Championships at Whitesands, St. Davids on Saturday, July 16.**

Despite challenging weather conditions and a very strong Penybont team, the Rhose team, managed by Simon Parker, performed brilliantly to gain first place and retain the title of Welsh Masters Champions 2011, winning by just 17 points.

Medal winners were: Karen O'Donoghue-Harris – gold, 58+ Double Ski – gold, 40+ Surf Race – gold, 40+ Board Race – gold, 40+ Ski Race – gold, 40+ Ocean Lady – gold, 117+ Board Relay.

Liz Wong – gold, 58+ Double Ski – Silver, 40+ Surf Race – gold, 117+ Board Relay; Heddus Davies – silver, 87+ Beach Relay – silver, 30+ 1Km Run – gold, 117+ Board Relay

Bernadette Phipps – bronze, 40+ Sprints – gold, 87+ Beach

Relay – bronze, 40+ Beach Flags; Melissa Downton – gold, 40+ Sprints – gold, 87+ Beach Relay – gold, 40+ Beach Flags – bronze, 40+ 1Km Run; Sarah Bryant – gold, 87+ Beach Relay – silver, 40+ Beach Flags; Sue Blake – silver, 87+ Beach Relay; Carol Miller – silver, 87+ Beach Relay – gold, 40+ 1Km Run.

Jon Foster – bronze, 87+ Beach Relay – silver, 30+ 1Km Run – bronze, 87+ Board Relay; Simon Parker – silver, 117+ Ski Relay – bronze, 40+ Ocean Man – bronze 117+ Board Relay; Paul Gardner – silver, 117+ Ski Relay – silver, 40+ Ski Race; Chris Braggins – bronze, 87+ Beach Relay.

Stuart Wong – bronze, 87+ Beach Relay – silver, 40+ Beach Flags – Bronze, 87+ Board Relay – bronze, 87+ Taplin Relay; Alan Wade – bronze, 40+ 1Km Run – bronze, 117+ Board Relay; Philip Norton – bronze, 87+ Board Relay – Bronze 87+ Taplin Relay; Steve Edgerton – bronze, 98+ Double Ski – silver, 50+ 1Km Run.

Dave Cooper – bronze, 98+

Double Ski – silver, 117+ Ski Relay – silver, 50+ Surf Race – gold, 50+ Board Race – gold, 50+ Ocean Man – bronze, 117+ Board Relay – bronze, 87+ Taplin Relay.

Overall results were: 1st, Rhose 1063.5 pts; 2nd, Penybont 1046.5 pts; 3rd Sker, 634 pts; 4th, Langland Bay 394.5 pts; 5th, Porthmawr 290 pts; 6th, Aberavon 182 pts; 7th, Midland 52 pts; 8th, Mumbles 10 pts.

Well done to all the competitors, thanks to their families for their support and to Louise, Emma and Elaine for helping out as nominated club officials.

A big thank you to the two IRB crews, who were kept very busy all day, also to SLSA Wales and Porthmawr Lifeguard Club for running the event and providing food and refreshments.

The junior and senior Welsh Championships take place on August 6-7, at Coney Beach, Porthcawl, and this fantastic win by the masters gives the club a great start to retaining the Ocean Wilkinson Sword. **SE**

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ABOVE: Cyclists at the start of Barratt's 10 in 10 charity ride

**WHILE the world's top cyclists battle it out in the Tour de France, an intrepid bunch of cyclists were just as determined in their fundraising efforts in south Wales.**

More than 25 members of staff and friends of Barratt South Wales battled wind, rain and finally brilliant sunshine to complete the 85 miles from Swansea to Caerwent – taking in 10 of the housebuilder's developments en route and raising more than £2,500.

Organised by Barratt's senior technical manager Mike Williams, the cyclists left Copper Quarter in Swansea in heavy rain on a route which included visiting developments in Sarn, Bettws and the

finish point at Barratt's Castlemead development in Caerwent.

The cyclists were raising money for the 'Kids Out' charity, which aims to transform the lives of these children by providing fun, positive activities and experiences.

"The day was a huge success, with the cyclists proving a determined bunch who certainly didn't let the wind and rain affect their enthusiasm for the challenge," said Barratt sales director Adrian Bird.

"It was great to see so many of our staff, suppliers and contractors involved in what was an extremely tough day on the bikes.

"I think some will be taking a well earned rest from the saddle for the next few weeks."

## Lifeguards teach pupils

**TO tie in with Llantwit Major Comprehensive School's PSE (personal and social education) week, members of Rhosneigwl Lifeguards and a representative of Surf Lifesaving Wales gave a talk and demonstration to local pupils in year-7 on sea and beach safety.**

The children aged between 11 and 12 years were given a talk 'Sun Smart' on the importance of wearing sun block and suitable clothing, beach safety awareness, including identification of beach safety flags and notices, sea conditions including how to cope if caught in a rip current

and the importance of going to and swimming on a Lifeguard patrolled beach.

After the talk, the children were able to view the lifeguard equipment and have a go on the craft.

Rhosneigwl Lifeguards and SLISA Wales would like to thank the staff of the school for the opportunity to promote beach and sea awareness to the children prior to the summer holiday break.

If you would like to get involved in Lifeguards, please Google Rhosneigwl Lifeguards or Surf Lifesaving Association of Wales or email [chris@rhosneigwllifeguards.co.uk](mailto:chris@rhosneigwllifeguards.co.uk).

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# Cowbridge Seconds fail to chase down Gorseinon after doing the hard part

WITH dark skies and heavy downpours, it seemed highly unlikely that Cowbridge's game against Gorseinon would take place last Saturday.

However, the weather was decidedly better further west and Cowbridge travelled down the M4 hopeful that they would be able to chalk up a further victory against Gorseinon, who Cowbridge had beaten earlier in the season.

At the toss, the captain called correctly and invited Gorseinon to bat first. John Gilbert and debutant, Rafi Shrizard, led the Cowbridge attack and they bowled very well. However, the Cowbridge fielding was not up to its usual high standard and Gorseinon began to push the scoring rate along.

The home side had reached 80 off 24 overs when there was a flurry of wickets, with three going to Harri Collier and one to John Gilbert. This resulted in them slipping to 86 for 4 in only the space of two overs.

This was an excellent fight back by Cowbridge and gave the side renewed confidence that

they could restrict Gorseinon to an achievable total.

However, the Gorseinon side applied themselves and with an important contribution from their captain, R Morgan, and assisted by some wayward Cowbridge bowling, they were able to reach 181 off their 50 overs.

This was a competitive total set by Gorseinon but the wicket was good, and the outfield quick, and the visitors knew that if they knuckled down and played sensibly then they would be able to chase down the total.

Unfortunately, the Cowbridge innings got off to a terrible start with a wicket going down off the first ball of the innings, albeit to a dubious umpiring decision. This brought Jonty Webb immediately to the crease and he and Guy Swallow set about trying to build a partnership.

However, Guy was soon out which signalled the arrival of Naveed Younis. With the score at 19 for 2, Cowbridge needed to consolidate and get their heads down for a few overs; however, Naveed had other ideas.

He proceeded to deposit the ball to all

parts of the ground, including some huge sixes into the adjacent ambulance station to the sound of smashing glass.

After the departure of the captain, Harri Collier joined Naveed and ably supported him as he continued on his merry way. In the end, Naveed was out for a terrific 61 with the score at 87 for 5 off 25 overs.

The visitors were still a little under 100 runs off the Gorseinon total and knew that, with five wickets down, it would be very tricky to continue to chase down the total.

In spite of this, both Chris Ross and Rafi Shrizard began to put together an excellent partnership. With Chris taking the lead, the score began to rise and one could see that the Gorseinon players were beginning to get nervous.

Chris batted superbly, punishing any bad deliveries and running well between the wickets to farm the strike. Rafi played his part as well and was stoical in defence whenever he was called upon to face any delivery.

Unfortunately, with the score at 157 for 7 off 42 overs, Chris was finally out for a very well made 65, and with this Cowbridge collapsed to 158 all out in 43 overs.

It was very disappointing to get so close to the Gorseinon total and not be able to push for victory. Cowbridge can take considerable positives from the game: the bowling of Rafi Shrizard as well as the batting of Chris Ross and Naveed Younis. Furthermore, Harri Collier and John Gilbert were again as consistent as ever. JW

## Tim's Newton Abbot winner

**S**IX-YEAR-OLD *Saved By John*, running for the first time for Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, landed the Kathryn Trudgeon (My Lovely Horse) Maiden Hurdle at Newton Abbot on Sunday.

The oddly named *Saved By John*, who started a 11-10 favourite, was ridden by Richard Johnson, the leading jockey at the track and came home four lengths clear of *American Spin*.

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## Seaview Lads make most of 'small numbers'

**F**ISHING is mixed at present, with a wide array of species being landed – albeit in small numbers. On the most recent weekend match fished by the Seaview Lads Angling Club, the entire spectrum of the food cycle was present.

A decent sized Pouting was hooked by Roger Rockling, which in turn could have provided a meal for a reasonable sized eel hooked by Royston Harding.

Meanwhile, at the top of the food chain, our

illustrious chair and resident comedian, the supersized Steve 'Bobo' Doble, hooked himself with a sizeable (4/0) hook!

Shame he couldn't weigh himself in – it would have been a new club record even on the Peterson scale!

**Results:** First, R Harding 10lb-4oz; second, M Langford 5-3 third, A Gwyther 3-15; fourth, C McCinarty 2-10; fifth P Coles 12oz; sixth, R Green 11oz (pouting).

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THE latest results from Barrivale are as follows:

**July 5:** First, Denis Mottram and Betty Lewis, 59.72 per cent; second, Joan Jenkins and Noelle Bond, 56.94; third, Jane Brook and Mick Green, 55.56.

Judith Owen and Helen Jordan won on handicap **July 12:** First, Tim Barsby and Mick Green, 69.27; second, Betty Lewis and Mark Roderick, 59.38; third, Tom Kendrick and Dave Thomas, 55.73.

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# GEM sport

## Porthcawl Lifeguard Club hosts the 'nipper' carnival

**THE first weekend of July started with a lifeguard station spring-clean and new gear-store racking to keep essential equipment safe.**

The weekend was a resounding success with the British Junior Triathlon – organisers were amazed at the level of care from the close-proximity support provided by the PLGC water cover team to younger swimmers. The main event, Porthcawl Nipper Carnival, enjoyed fantastic support from the wider life-saving community.

The club captain and members managed the running of the water and beach events fantastically, and the people behind the scenes provided great hospitality!

Another great result for the club on July 10

saw a turnout of 42 for the Sandy Bay 'Round the Bay Swim'. PLGC members scored top results in the short course with senior female 1st, Kim Liddon, and junior female 1st, Jess Lewis – great work!

Steve Thrush, PLGC chair, said: "Thank you to all those who supported, attended and worked so very hard to make the recent weekends a resounding success!"

PLGC is hosting the Welsh Open Water Championships on August 6-7 at Sandy Bay. It always proves to be an excellent surf lifesaving water event for spectators and participants – the summer excitement is just beginning!

PLGC has lots of new members, and family membership is a sure way to get the best for young and not-so-young beach lovers!

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**ABOVE and RIGHT:**  
*It was action all the way at Porthcawl's Nipper Carnival on Coney Beach on July 2.*



## CAMERON LANDS SILVER IN DEBUT TOURNAMENT!

**A 13-year-old from Bridgend won a silver medal at his first Tae Kwon Do international competition.**

Cameron Davies, who attends Llantwit Major Comprehensive School, competed at the Tae Kwon Do international in Crawley on July 12.

He was beaten narrowly 3-4 in the final by an experienced opponent.

Cameron trains three times a week with master Paul Stone in Cardiff and with Simon Griffiths in Cowbridge. His dream is one day to compete in the Olympics.



*Cameron with his coach Paul Stone.*

## JONNY IS A TRIPLE BOXING CHAMPION!

**SCHOOLBOY junior Jonny Clatworthy, a member of the Porthcawl and Pyle Boxing Club, became British champion for the third year running – a remarkable achievement from a young man who is 15 in September.**

Jonny started training when he was nine years old and had his first bout when he was 10 (the minimum age limit). Jonny, who lives in Cefn Glas, has amassed a total of 31 bouts and 26 wins and has captained his country on two occasions.

He boxed a strong Scottish lad in the semi-final and boxed impeccably to frustrate his opponent to take a points win of 20-10.

The other semi saw an English boy take on the reigning 63kg Welsh champion Jamie Evans, who narrowly beat Jonny 3-2 in the Welsh final this year.

This set up a mouth-watering rematch for Jonny to get his revenge in the final.

The first round was a close affair, as in the previous encounter, with Jonny just edging it 1-0, keeping a tight guard and pressuring his foe, this time he took the fight to him in the second round and stretched his lead to 5-3.

Not totally out of it, his opponent knew he had to produce something to get back into the fight so he abandoned his usual effective counter punching technique, only for this to play into the hands of the Puma's boxing sensation.

Jonny three combinations from close quarters and, thanks to a fair referee who didn't allow any holding tactics, unlike their previous bout, this allowed Jonny



**ABOVE: Jonny Clatworthy and Aubrey Lewis (Photograph by Glyn Evans).**

to land cracking shots to the head, leaving no doubt for his points victory with a score of 10-5.

Jonny Clatworthy is a name to look out for in the future as I have no doubt that this boy will go a long way in this game with his good boxing brain and likeable humble attitude.

Head trainer Aubrey Lewis, who has been at the gym some 40 years or so, said: "This boy has the potential to be the

next Joe Calzaghe and go all the way". Let's hope so, it couldn't happen to a nicer boy!

**Boxing club in climb to raise funds**

**FUNDRAISING to refurbish the Porthcawl and Pyle Pumas boxing club and buy new equipment is in full swing.**

On Sunday, July 3, club coaches and members carried out a sponsored climb of the 886m Pen-y-Fan mountain in the Brecon Beacons; Pen-y-Fan is the highest

mountain in south Wales. Norah Clarke, fundraising officer commented: "We managed to raise in the region of £860 which will be go towards our efforts to refurbish the boxing club".

Paul Chappell, club coach added it was a great day out which everyone enjoyed and they all made it to the top..... eventually!

## THE YOUNG SEaweEDS TAKE PLANE TO SPAIN – AND WIN!



*The under-16s pictured in Salou.*

**PORThCAWL RFC under-16s, after another highly successful season, celebrated with a week-long tour to Salou, Spain.**

This followed a bumper presentation evening where Richard Webster and Ryan Bevington presented the following trophies. Player of the year: Owen Wright, players' player: Owen Wright, most improved: Huw Mitchell and clubman Nick Lloyd.

**Chris Tossell is appointed Kenfig vice captain**

**KENFIG HILL RFC have appointed centre Chris Tossell as vice captain for the coming season**

Pre-season training has started well with a full complement of senior and youth players in attendance.

There was some consternation when talented utility back Matthew Tossell went down injured but thanks to some prompt action by first aider and youth team coach Huw Watkins, the injury was treated and Matthew hopes to be back in full training this coming week.

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An especially proud moment was when Wales under-16s outside half Josh White presented his framed match jersey to club chairman Chris Wintle for display in the club.

The tour to Salou was a fantastic experience for the boys and one that will live long in the memory.

During this trip one game was played at the end of the week against the Catalan under-17s and under-18s champions CR Tarragona.

The hosts had come together especially for this match and put up a fine performance against the young Seaweeds.

However they were not prepared for the ferocity and intensity of touring side's game.

Early on the shell shocked home side found themselves 7-0 down when after a lineout Evan Williams powered over the line to score, which was converted by Huw Mitchell.

Ten minutes later a mistake in midfield by Tarragona led to a kick through by Gareth Rees and he chased the ball along with Owen Wright to beat the covering defence and score.

The rest of the half was error strewn with the touring side feeling the effects of a two month lay-off.

The second half started in similar fashion and the young Seaweeds tried to run the ball from everywhere but found the home

side's defence strong, and a mistake led to a converted try for Tarragona.

The Catalan side then brought on some fresh legs, one being an under-18s young Munster player, and as the intensity increased the game threatened to get out of control.

However the young Seaweeds began to play for territory with the fine boot of Mitchell and controlled the game.

After sustained pressure Porthcawl were awarded a penalty which Mitchell converted.

Ten minutes from time a great passage of play between the backs allowed centre Tom Bluck to carve his way through the defence to the line to score a decisive try which was converted by Mitchell.

This superb try was a fitting way to finish the game, the season and junior rugby. Final score 22-7 to Porthcawl.

The side are now looking forward to playing with the youth team and the tour at the end of the season.

*Training has commenced and if anyone is interested in joining the youth team next season then please contact 07875349876 or email: porthcawlyouth@gmail.com.*

There is a pre-season friendly scheduled for August 13, against Crumlin at South Road before the Wales v England international.

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